























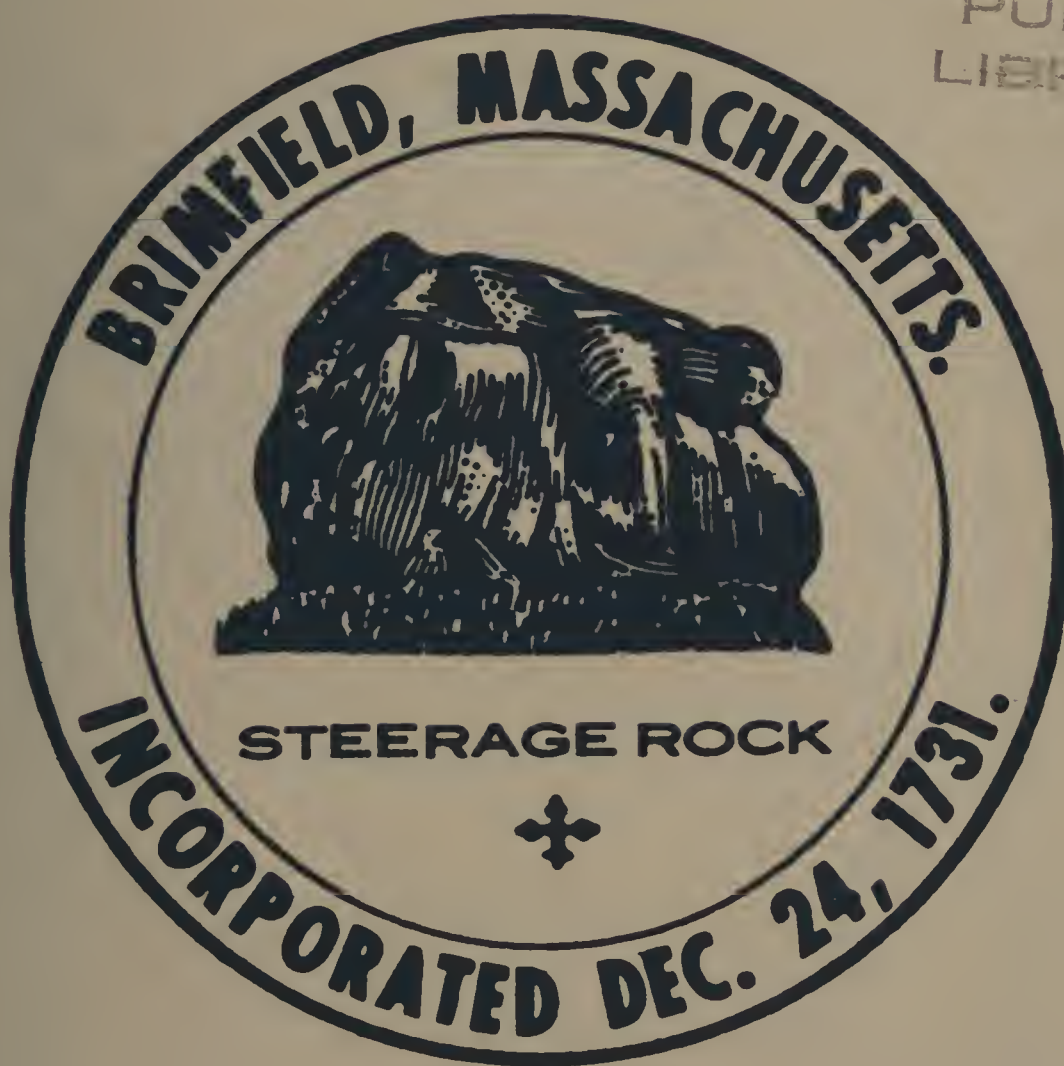


The Town Officers'

# ANNUAL REPORT

to the

# TOWN OF BRIMFIELD



Including Receipts and Expenditures  
for the  
Year Ending December 31, 1968

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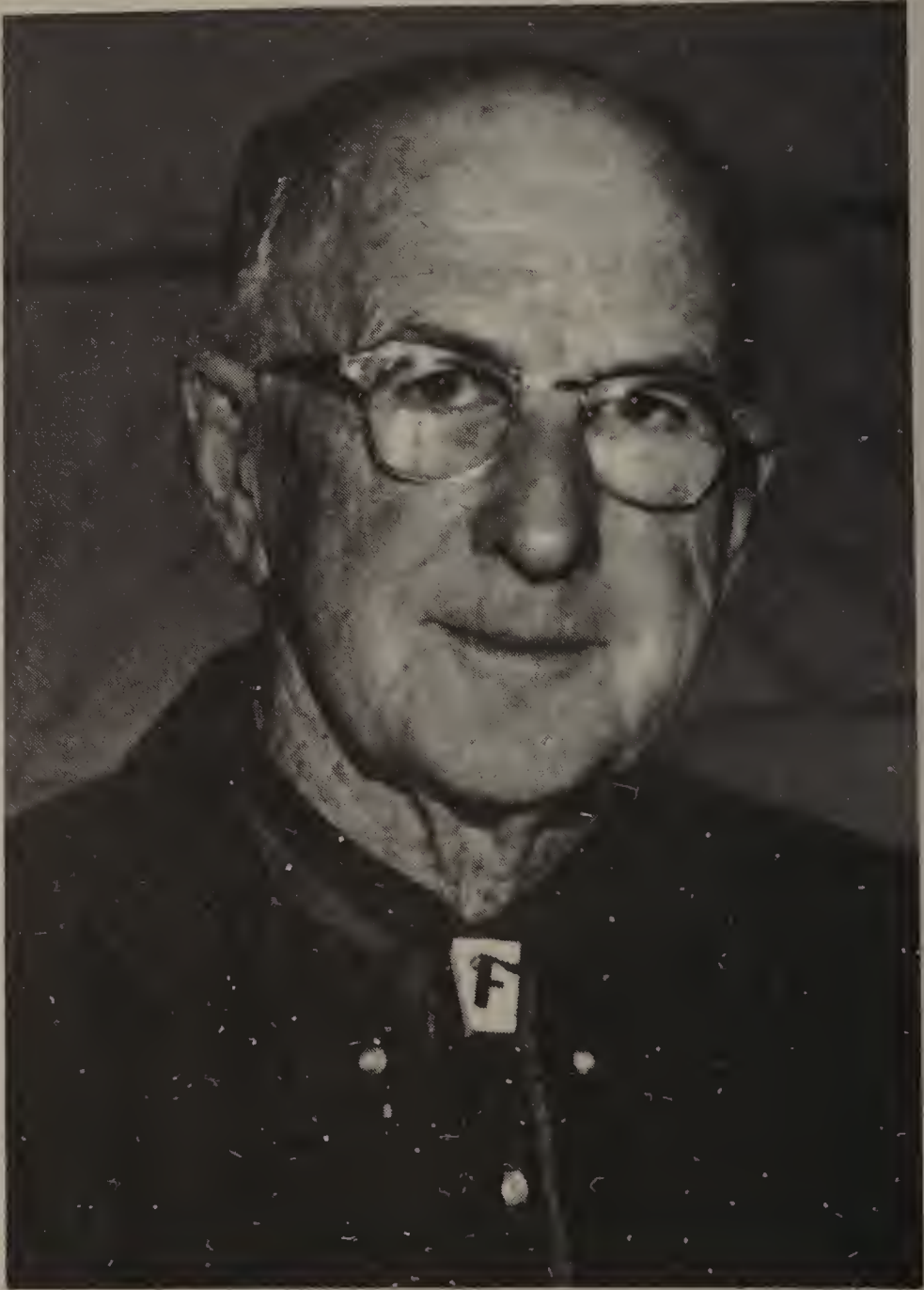
**BRIMFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**1968**

**FOREWORD**

The residents of Brimfield are encouraged to read, study and question this Annual Report for 1968, reflecting the activities, growth and progress of the Town. They are invited to call upon town officers and departments for any further information desired.

## In Memoriam



FRANK B. HALEY

1892-1968

Selectman

During the past 40 years, Mr. Haley served over 20 years in public office, most of the time as Selectman, and several years as Assessor. He also served on the committee which purchased the 1927 Buffalo Fire Engine, and more recently on the Town Barn and Fire Station committee, as well as other appointive offices. He served the Town, not for money, not for personal glory, but with a true desire to be of service, and to make Brimfield, the town in which he was born and where he lived for most of his life, a better place in which to live.

“With FAITH that right makes might, and in in that faith, to the end, dared to do his duty as he understood it.”



In Memoriam



RUBY E. SMITH

1921-1968

Tax Collector

Mrs. Francis B. Smith served the Town of Brimfield ten years as tax collector (1958 to 1968) all of which time she was confined to a wheel chair. Her unfailing smile, cheerful disposition, and diligent application to her duties were an inspiration to everyone.

"The storms of life could bend, but never break her. She lived in HOPE."

In Memoriam



NORMAN L. HOWLETT, JR.

1947-1968

U. S. Marine Corps

Lance Corporal Howlett was the first serviceman from Brimfield to be killed in action in Vietnam. He entered the Marine Corps August 2, 1966, was sent overseas in December, 1967, and gave his life March 30, 1968 at Quang Tri. He was born a Brimfield resident, and was a graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School, class of 1965.

"Greater LOVE hath no man than this – that  
a man lay down his life for his friends."

## GOVERNMENTAL INFORMATION

Brimfield is included in the:

Second Congressional District  
Seventh Councillor District  
Worcester-Hampden-Hampshire Senatorial District  
First Hampden Representative District

U. S. Senators are:

Edward T. Kennedy, Boston  
Edward W. Brooke, Newton

Congressman, 2nd District is:

Edward P. Boland, Springfield

State Senator is:

Philip A. Quinn, Spencer

Representative to General Court is:

Alexander Lolas, Monson

County Commissioners are:

William F. Stapleton, Holyoke  
Stephen A. Moynahan, Longmeadow  
Lloyd W. Fradet, Springfield

Democratic Town Committee:

Margaret L. Gilman, Chairman  
Ann Stanley, Secretary  
Neil Haley, Treasurer

Republican Town Committee:

Stephen McNamara, Chairman  
Lester E. Dutka, Secretary-Treasurer

Population	1,644
Voters	855
Republican	208
Democrats	180
Independents	467

## TOWN OFFICERS—1968

### Town Clerk

	Term Expires
Juliane L. Spooner .....	1970

### Moderator

Timothy J. Denning .....	1969
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### Treasurer

Clarence H. Keith .....	1970
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### Tax Collector

Ruby E. Smith, deceased .....	1970
Barbara W. Keith .....	appointed to March 1969

### Selectmen

Richard C. Allen .....	1969
Frank B. Haley, deceased .....	1969
Richard J. Erban .....	1969

### Assessors

John M. Haley .....	1971
Andrew W. Gondek .....	1970
Edward J. Killian .....	1969

### School Committee

Pia Sherman .....	1971
William Whitten .....	1970
Raymond Roberts .....	1969

### Tantasqua Regional District School Committee

Arnold R. Beaton .....	1969
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### Board of Public Welfare

Anne Dutka .....	1971
Timothy J. Denning .....	1970
Homer L. Parker .....	1969

(This Board has been discontinued 7/1968 by General Laws of the Commonwealth)



### Board of Public Health

Theodore Steensen .....	1971
Roger Osterheld, resigned .....	1970
Alice B. Matheson .....	appointed to March .. 1969
Violet G. Loux, resigned .....	1969
John L. Sherman .....	appointed to March .. 1969

### Cemetery Commission

James A. Adams .....	1971
Cheney F. Newton .....	1970
Everett D. Landen .....	1969

### Library Trustees

Lester W. Parker .....	1971
Ethel E. Spooner .....	1971
Olive D. Weston .....	1970
Roger W. Bennett .....	1970
John O. Curtis .....	1969
Bertha Osterheld .....	1969

### Tree Warden

James A. Adams .....	1969
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### Constables

Robert J. Cutler .....	1971
Arthur J. Moreau .....	1971
William Roberts ....	1971
John H. Stanton .....	1971
Brian N. Haley .....	1971

### Trustees – Harriet Harding Fund

Fenton A. Hastings .....	1971
Edward J. Killian .....	1970
Alfred Wigglesworth .....	1969

### Planning Board

Donald Spear .....	1973
Roger G. Sullivan .....	1972
Ernest G. Roberts .....	1971
Theodore L. Steensen .....	1970
Perry Weston .....	1969



**Trustees – Lincoln Library Fund**

Everett D. Landen .....	1971
Roger W. Bennett .....	1970
Cheney F. Newton .....	1969

**APPOINTIVE TOWN OFFICERS – 1968**

**Town Accountant**

Joseph Dmuchovsky .....	1969
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**Chief, Fire Dept. & Forest Warden**

Robert L. Hanna .....	1969
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**Inspector of Animals**

Daniel H. Wells, Jr. ....	1969
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**Inspector of Slaughtering**

Daniel H. Wells, Jr. ....	1969
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**Superintendent of Streets**

Harold E. Hitchcock .....	1969
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**Superintendent of Insect Pest Control**

Edward J. Killian .....	1969
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**Agent, Board of Health**

Dr. John Rigatti .....	1969
Marylou Antonovitch, R. N. ....	1969

**Veteran's Agent**

Richard N. Billodeau .....	1969
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**Community Service Board**

Timothy J. Denning .....	1969
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**Measurer of Wood and Bark**

J. Frederick Lawrence .....	1969
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### Dog Officer

Arthur J. Moreau ..... 1969

### Field Drivers

Brian Haley ..... 1969  
Neil Stalker ..... 1969  
Fenton Hastings ..... 1969

### Fence Viewers

Brian Haley ..... 1969  
Franklin Smith ..... 1969  
Neil Stalker ..... 1969

### Town Counsel

E. Donald Riddle ..... 1969

### Finance Committee

Leo E. Lavigne ..... 1971  
Noah D. Fountain ..... 1971  
Richard Souliere ..... 1971  
Merrill Spear, resigned ..... 1970  
    Gerald Guild ..... appointed to March.. 1969  
William Spooner ..... 1970  
Harold E. Hitchcock, resigned ..... 1970  
    Denzil Bogster-Collins ..... appointed to March.. 1969  
William J. Cruess ..... 1969  
Eugene Roberts ..... 1969  
David L. Cheney ..... 1969

### Jury List

Donald M. Spear ..... 1971  
Gerald A. Guild ..... drawn August 12, 1968  
Frederick T. Prentiss ..... 1971  
Robert Christo ..... 1971  
Robert MacConnell, Jr. .... 1971  
Arnold R. Beaton ..... 1971  
George C. Gross ..... 1971  
George Mitchell ..... 1970  
Ernest Blake ..... 1969

**Registrars**

Margaret Gilman .....	1971
Shirley (Nichols) Thompson .....	1970
Margaret V. McIntyre .....	1969

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Stephen McNamara .....	1971
Wayne Barr .....	1970
Alice M. Adams .....	1969

**Associate Members**

Theodore W. Skowyra .....	1970
Lester E. Dutka .....	1969

**Building Inspector**

Homer L. Parker .....	1969
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**Civil Defense Director**

C. Kenneth Silvius .....	1969
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**Tri-Town Recreation Committee**

Anne H. Dutka .....	1969
Jean A. McGann, resigned – Patricia Guild appointed .....	1969
Edward J. Ahern .....	1969

**Planning Board – Board of Appeals**

D. Walker Cheney .....	1971
Cheney F. Newton .....	1970
Francis L. Henderson .....	1969

**Associate Members**

Lester H. Sheldon .....	1970
Stanley Vaill .....	1969

**School Building Committee**

Harold E. Hitchcock .....	Richard C. Allen
Ernest G. Roberts .....	David L. Cheney, Secretary
William F. Whitten	

Terms expire when report submitted

### Memorial Day Committee

Albert Gendreau .....	1969
Margaret Gilman .....	1969
Barbara Keith .....	1969
Florence Gendreau .....	1969
Theodore W. Skowrya .....	1969

### By-Law Committee

Theodore W. Skowrya .....	1969
George B. Adams .....	1969
Andrew W. Gondek .....	1969

### Caretaker at Dump

Alexander McVeigh, resigned – Lyman Stanton appointed .....	1969
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### Gas Inspector

Merritt Hyatt .....	1969
R. F. D. 1, Palmer, Mass.	

### Caretaker at Common

L. Victor Howlett .....	1969
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# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Licenses issued for the Division of Fisheries and Game:

161	Resident Fishing
84	Resident Hunting
92	Resident Sporting
22	Resident Minor Fishing
47	Resident Female Fishing
11	Special Non-Resident Fishing
9	Non-Resident Fishing
1	Alien Fishing
4	Non-Resident Hunting
6	duplicate licenses
9	Archery Stamps
24	Resident Sporting (Free)
1	Military Sporting (Free)
1	Resident Blind (Free)

## DOGS LICENSED

157	Male @ \$2.00	\$314.00
40	Female @ \$5.00	200.00
83	Spayed Female @ \$2.00	166.00
14	Kennels @ \$10.00	140.00
1	Kennel @ \$50.00	50.00
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		\$870.00
	Less Clerk's Fees - 295 @ 25¢	73.75
	Balance paid to Treasurer	<hr/>
		\$796.25

## BRIEF ABSTRACT OF DOG LAWS:

The owner or keeper of any dog three months old or over must have said dog licensed. Licenses are due and payable on or before March 31st of each year. Whoever violates the provisions of the dog laws shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$15.00.



# BIRTHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
1967		
<u>December</u>		
15	Daniel Thomas Allen	John T. and Geraldine Grise
21	Ann Marie Roberts	Eugene I. and Constance M. Greenw
1968		
<u>January</u>		
22	Sharon Lee Miller	Albert J. and Naomi R. Johnson
<u>March</u>		
19	Deborah Ann Bliss	David M. and Ann E. Bonett
23	Claude Elmer Whitman, Jr.	Claude E. Sr., and Norma J. DeWitte
<u>April</u>		
8	Tammy Jean Murnane	Chester J. and Patricia G. Fountain
<u>May</u>		
1	Monique Michelle Labonte	William R. and Margaret F. Gendreau
<u>June</u>		
28	Shannon Lee Maynard	Kenneth E. and Virgina M. Ochs
<u>August</u>		
19	Thomas James Pierce	Lawrence C. and Paulette Warren
24	Eric Christopher Haley	Brian N. Sr. and Nancy A. Gullmes
31	Justine Elise Tetreault	Ronald A. and Mae Zagraniczny
<u>October</u>		
3	Vicki Jean Vennert	William E., Jr. and Margaret E. Armitage
21	Ronald Paul Bolduc	William J., Sr. and Sandra M. Moore

December

3	Catherine Sue Caldbeck	Kenneth E. and Lorna M. Sarginson
6	Ann Marie Thouin	George L., Sr. and Marie A. St. Louis
12	Barbara Mary Gibson	David A. and Marilyn A. Wilson

DEATHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>Days</u>
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1968

January

2	Harriett Cook Chapin	65	2	16
11	Edwin Henry Irwin	82	7	26
15	Alton C. Davis	52	10	3
24	Hawtrey James Yeames	57	5	20
28	Edward Eugene Sheeran	57	10	5

February

26	Dorothy E. (Wunsch)Lamothe	58	-	-
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March

16	Fred Bodycote	76	9	15
30	Norman Locke Howlett, Jr.	21	-	20

April

24	Joseph Rodolphe Guilmette	74	7	23
25	Frank W. Carey	88	4	22

May

3	Sheldon Willard	67	7	13
19	Margaret (Dow) Emery	88	5	2

June

1	Carroll F. Travers	66	3	4
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July

2	Ora (Blanchette) Tessier	79	8	12
6	Henry Eldon Guild	86	4	28
8	Roseanna (Lemarier) Senecal	85	-	-
12	Sue Ellen Roberts	24	6	15
16	Frank Boone	69	-	25
31	Frank B. Haley	76	3	5

August

2	Barbara (Dziadyk)Dmuchovsky	84	7	15
7	Flora (Gagnon) Deroche	72	-	-

August

7	Ellen F. (Littlefield) Witham	105	2	9
12	Edward E. Guerin	65	4	1
25	Nettie Eliza (Plympton)Burt	93	-	16
30	Mabel (Brown) Peirce	87	9	10

October

2	Adele (Kordek) Noga	51	2	25
7	Ralph Frederick Bardwell	70	5	26
28	Florence (Ely) Marcoullier	75	4	19

November

3	Grace Amelia (Bradway) Carpenter	82	3	8
24	Ruby Eleanor (Frink) Smith	47	8	10

December

1	Stanley Walter Podosek(Puduski)	70	1	23
16	Mary (Tindal) Cutler	78	9	29
23	Floyd MacLean Day	73	3	26

MARRIAGES RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
January				
13	Charles T. Thresher	Brimfield	Susan J. Whyte	Brimfield
March				
23	Edward C. Mandigo	Palmer	Patricia A. Deyo	Brimfield
30	James I. Beatty	Brimfield	Judith E. Buckley	Warren
April				
13	Ronald Tetreault	Brimfield	Mae Zagraniczny	Palmer
May				
4	John H. Driscoll	Brimfield	Deirdre H. Williamsburg Christenson	
18	Lawrence R. Thomas	Sturbridge	Patricia A. Biccum	Brimfield
June				
1	Brian D. Smith	Brimfield	Arlene R. St. Pierre	Southbridge

June

7	Robert R. Tavernier	Sturbridge	Norma J. Gilman	Brimfield
14	Ford D. Quinn	Palmer	Shirley A. Brown	Brimfield
15	Delton A. Learned	Brimfield	Betty A. Bialobrzewski	E. Brookfield
22	Hamer D. Clarke	Brimfield	Dawn E. Carleton	Leominster
22	Daniel Chevalier	Brimfield	Hazel E. Fuller	Brimfield
29	Del E. Gregoire	Brimfield	Theresa M. Casavant	Brimfield

July

8	Frank C. Zisk	Palmer	Mary H. Wenninger	Brimfield
12	Raymond L. Collette	Southbridge	Therese R. Lacroix	Southbridge
13	Michael C. Blaney	Hazardville Conn.	Christine E. Gravel	Hazardville Conn.
25	Earle S. Conrad	Brimfield	Marilyn J. Cote	Brimfield
27	Julian J. Casavant	Brimfield	Diane J. Raymond	Palmer

August

3	James K. Stevens	Brimfield	Grace E. Roberts	Needham
24	Charles D. Myshrall	E. Hartford Conn.	Susan N. Allen	Brimfield

September

21	Raymond W. Clark III	Monson	Vivian M. Demers	Brimfield
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October

12	Douglas A. Kenyon	Wales	Kathleen M. Sullivan	Brimfield
25	Robert A. Gilman	Brimfield	Joan M. Jalbert	Sturbridge

November

1	Ronald J. Bigda	Palmer	Suzanne A. Moreau	Brimfield
9	Jerry L. Soukup	Staff. Spr. Conn.	Constance M. Noga	Brimfield



December

14	Leonard D. Walter, Jr. Miami, Fla	Geraldine L. Holt Belchertown
28	Lucien W. Ross Brimfield	Sandra A. Cote Brimfield

BRIEF RESUME OF ACTION TAKEN AT VARIOUS TOWN MEET-  
INGS DURING 1968

ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 4, 1968

Article 1. Elected officers.

Article 2. Accepted reports of town officers.

Article 3. Voted following increases in salaries:

Town Clerk \$100.

Moderator 25. plus 25. for each special  
town meeting.

3 Selectmen 150. each

3 Assessors 150. each

Tax Coll. 150.

Treasurer 150.

Tree Warden 50.

5 Constables 100. each

3 Cemetery

Commiss. 100. each

Article 4. Voted \$1123.00 for compensation insurance;  
\$878.20 to be taken from compensation insur-  
ance fund, and \$244.80 to be raised by taxation.

Article 5. Voted not to accept the provisions of Chapter  
401 of the Acts of 1966 which would have per-  
mitted certain elected or appointed officers of  
the town to be covered under Workmen's Com-  
pensation.



- Article 6. Voted that the dog fund be turned over to the library.
- Article 7. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of revenue.
- Article 8. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursements.
- Article 9. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, tax-title property.
- Article 10. Voted no appropriation for Civil Defense, since Dept. does not need it.
- Article 11. Voted \$3500 for Chapter 90 Maintenance.
- Article 12. Voted \$5500.00 for Chapter 90 Construction.
- Article 13. Voted to transfer \$9090.89 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Account.
- Article 14. Voted \$16000.00 plus trade-in value of old loader for purchase of a new loader. (Note: this action rescinded 4/15/68 and other action taken, re-financing purchase.)
- Article 15. No action taken on this article, re disposal of the old Michigan.
- Article 16. Voted to accept approximately 600 feet of new construction on Dunhamtown-Palmer Road.
- Article 17. Voted to abandon approximately 600 feet of the Dunhamtown-Palmer Road which has been replaced by new construction.
- Article 18. Voted to appropriate no money for street lighting at Hitchcock Academy area.
- Article 19. Voted improvement in street lighting between St. Christophers' Church and the Wales Road.
- Article 20. Voted improvement in street lighting at the intersection of Holland Road and Route 20.

- Article 21. Voted to appropriate no money for improvement in street lighting between St. Christopher's Church and the Holland Road.
- Article 22. Voted \$22,000 for purchase of a fire truck, \$10,500 to be taken from available funds, balance to be paid by short term notes to be paid off not later than 1973.
- Article 23. Voted that the Selectmen dispose of the 1942 Fire Truck by trade-in or sale upon sealed bid.
- Article 24. Voted \$300. for maintenance and care of the Town Barn and Fire Station.
- Article 25. Voted \$440 to paint portions of Town Hall interior, exclusive of auditorium.
- Article 26. Voted \$25.00 for Aid to Agriculture.
- Article 27. ) Voted to change manner of election and ap-  
Article 28. ) pointment of additional representatives to  
Tantasqua Regional District School Committee. (Note: Not effective - Sturbridge did not approve.)
- Article 29. Voted to have open hours at the dump from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, gates to be locked at other times.
- Article 30. Voted to make no appropriation for snow removal on private roads. (Note: Question on the ballot for this election, to determine if the town would accept Section 6-C of Chapter 40 authorizing the appropriation of money for snow and ice removal on private roads, received the following vote: Yes 286  
No 149  
Blanks 68 )
- Article 31. Voted to appropriate \$500.00 State Aid for the use of library.
32. Voted \$300.00 for Recreation and Water Safety Program.
- Article 33. Voted \$320.00 for the Welfare Account covering 1967 bills.

Article 34. Voted that such sums be raised and appropriated as recommended in the budget, except those items already approved under separate articles in the warrant, and that the Town Report Account be \$810.50.

Article 35. Voted that no money be appropriated for the Stabilization Fund.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - April 15, 1968

Article 1. Voted to rescind action taken under Article 14 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting re purchase of loader.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate \$16,000.00 plus trade in value of old loader for purchase of new loader, \$6,000.00 to be transferred from Machinery Account, the balance of \$10,000.00 to be borrowed by the treasurer, bonds or notes to be issued therefor in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44.

Article 3. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6980.00 for the purchase and installation of a portable classroom at the Elementary School.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - June 19, 1968

- Article 1. Voted to adopt the Zoning By-Law submitted (197 to 178).
- Article 2. Voted to transfer \$2132.33 from the Machinery Fund to Machinery Account.
- Article 3. Voted \$3662.12 of Chapter 616 Funds, Acts of 1967, for reconstruction of the West-Brimfield Palmer Road.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - July 29, 1968

- Article 1. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to execute a purchase and sale agreement with Mrs. Helen Boardman, present owner of the Lydia Hitchcock property (abutting Town Hall) for \$20,000.00 plus tax abatement from date of execution to date of transfer, purchase contingent upon satisfactory title and survey, purchase price to be raised at 1969 Annual Town Meeting.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - Nov. 25, 1968

- Article 1. Voted to transfer \$6892.45 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Account.
- Article 2. Voted to appropriate \$4944.00 from the Machin-



ery Fund to purchase 1969 Chevrolet Dump Truck for use of Highway Dept.

Article 3. Voted to authorize Selectmen to sell, by sealed bid, the 1960 International Highway Truck.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate \$1,000.00 from available funds for Hitchcock property survey, not to be spent unless signed agreement is in hands of Selectmen.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate \$150.00 from available funds for Hitchcock property title search, not to be spent unless signed agreement is in hands of Selectmen.

Article 6. Voted no action on this article, dealing with vocational school, as insertion in warrant was premature.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, Dec. 16, 1968

Article 1. Voted to accept provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 71, Sections 16 to 16-I inclusive and the Agreement with Respect to Regional Vocational High School District for Southern Worcester County. (vote 56-12) Note: Agreement was not accepted by Wales, Holland and Brookfield, hence Brimfield is not joining the Vocational School District.)

The ZONING BY-LAW, accepted by the Town on June 19, 1968, was approved by Elliott Richardson, Attorney General of the Commonwealth, on Sept. 12, 1968, and on Nov. 6, 1968 copy of the text and map as approved was mailed to each occupied dwelling in Brimfield.

The foregoing information concerning town meetings, etc. is an abstract only, and does not reflect the exact wording of the official records.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIANE L. SPOONER,  
Town Clerk



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This year has been marked with tragedy for Brimfield; first was the death of one of the police officers and school custodian, Edward Sheeran; secondly, the death of Norman Howlett, Jr. in the service of his country; next was the death of Frank B. Haley, Selectman; and the passing away of Mrs. Ruby Smith, Tax Collector. The Town of Brimfield has experienced a great loss in the death of Frank B. Haley. He contributed many years of faithful service to the Town of Brimfield. He was never too tired or too busy to work for the community. Frank was able to keep up with the youngest in working on projects, etc. in the performance of services to the town. He wanted no praise but took pride in his work. Frank was chairman of the Town Barn and Fire Station Building committee and worked hard on the successful plan to purchase the former Lydia Hitchcock property for town use.

In the year 1968, an annual and five special town meetings were held.

The Town Hall renovation program has been completed in a series of five yearly projects.

The Maintenance Fund for the Town Barn and Fire Station will now include heat and lights and will be deleted from the Fire Department and Highway accounts.

More lights have been installed in the Fire Station and Town Barn because of insufficient lighting.

A Zoning By-law was passed by a vote of the town and approved by the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Homer Parker was appointed building inspector as the Attorney General disapproved appointing or electing zoning officers as an enforcement board. Mrs. Alice Adams, Wayne Barr and Steven McNamara were appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Lester Dutka and Theodore Skowyra to the Associate Board of Appeals.

The Selectmen voted to assist Lake Sherman in snow removal of entrance ways to the Lake property in the event of extreme conditions as the Town of Brimfield had passed Question #1, the provisions of Sec. 6C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws at the annual meeting on March 4, 1968.

Articles 27 and 28 regarding a school committee member being immediately appointed to the Tantasqua School Committee upon the Towns' eligibility because of sufficient enrollment, were approved at the March 4th annual meeting. The Town of Sturbridge laid the article on the table and so the issue was dead.

Brimfield voted at a special town meeting on December 16th to join the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District which was passed by Sturbridge and defeated by Holland, Wales and Brookfield.

There is a definite immediate need for more classrooms in the Elementary School. This must be taken care of on a temporary basis until a final solution is reached with satisfactory State approval for building.

The Highway Superintendents office is now an appointive office as voted at a special town meeting in 1967. Harold Hitchcock was appointed to this office in 1968. The salaries of the Highway Department were increased in 1968 to update them with the present conditions. Work on the Dunhamtown-Palmer Rd. was started on a section of the road with half the monies available under Chapter 616 and 350 feet more of the road will be constructed in 1969. Approximately 3450 feet of construction has been completed on the Hollow Road with Chapter 90 construction monies from 1965, 1966 and 1967. There is a temporary holdup on 1968 construction due to the Department of Natural Resources failure to sign agreement and releases with Brimfield on time. Releases have been signed with private abutters with no land damage costs to the town of Brimfield. Layout and survey is available for twenty-two hundred (2200) feet of road to be constructed with remaining 1968 and 1969 monies. A total of Seventy-seven hundred (7700) feet has been laid out and approved. The resurfacing of Warren Road was completed this year and the Monson-Brimfield Rd. was



started under Chapter 90 maintenance. The State allotment allowable for Brimfield for Chapter 90 construction and maintenance was raised to a combined total of \$16,772.87 for 1969. The Mack sander was in an accident while sanding Sutcliffe Rd. Our first concern was that the men escaped with very little injury. The truck has been repaired. A new truck has been purchased for the Highway department replacing the International truck. The Michigan loader was also replaced with a Hough loader. The 1960 International was sold and the Michigan loader was traded in. We apologize for the icy conditions of the town roads this year but this has been a situation beyond the control of the Highway department due to the rain, sleet and snow and unusually cold weather. This made using clear salt impossible and too costly. The same and even worse conditions have prevailed in all cities and towns in this area.



1968 CHEVROLET TRUCK  
Ready for a snowstorm!

The Selectmen have updated the towns' insurance plans on buildings and contents and have added collision insurance to the highway equipment.

A new fire truck has been purchased to replace the 1942 Ford which was sold.

Surveying has begun by the State of Massachusetts on the Route 20 relocation to by-pass Brimfield Center. As of now, the State has not fulfilled their promise to have a large sign installed at Souliere's corner.

Class II permits for garages were issued to Henry Pelletier and Joseph Jackson.

There was a sale of Wally's Grove, formerly owned by Wally's Inc. to Richard, Rita and Raymond Williams. The liquor license was also transferred to the same.

Legal actions, regarding the sale of the Ida Clarke property and the theft of an electric lift from the 1960 International truck while the truck was in repairs at International in West Springfield in late 1967, were taken care of by Town Counsel, E. D. Riddle.

At a special town meeting, it was voted to purchase the Lydia Hitchcock property next to the town hall and monies were voted to survey the property and to search the title. Kenneth Sherman of Palmer will survey, and E. D. Riddle will search the title. The agreements were signed immediately following the authorization. A possibility exists



1968 HOUGH PAYLOADER  
Ready to move the earth !



that the town water system may need major repairs, the pipes being in very bad condition.

Jurors drawn in 1968 were Leo Lavigne and Gerald Guild. New jurors added to the list were Donald Spear, Gerald Guild, Fred Prentiss, Robert Christo, Arnold Beaton, Robert MacConnell, Jr. and George Gross.

The State Auditors are now working on the town records.

The new improved street lighting is a great safety factor and protection for persons and property.

The recreation program is progressing satisfactorily.

The Selectmen suggest the advisability of having the by-laws and standing policies of the town departments, as well as the times, dates and places of meetings of all departments published in the 1969 Town report.

The Board of Selectmen hope the voters will pass Article 24 regarding the acceptance of Section 96, 96A, 97A and 98 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws providing for the establishment of a Police Department by the Board of Selectmen. As it now stands one of the selectmen must be Chief of Police. Should they choose not to be, they cannot appoint a chief until this article is accepted by the town.

It is with regret that the Selectmen accept many resignations this year: Merrill Spear, W. Scott Gerrish, Dr. Osterheld, Mrs. V. G. Loux, Alfred Wigglesworth, Mrs. Jean McGann, Frank Hall and Mrs. Pia Sherman.

The Board of Selectmen appreciate the fact that the various town departments operated within their budgets except for emergencies. We wish to thank the town officers, committees, employees and residents for their cooperation during the year 1968.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Allen, Chairman  
Richard J. Erban  
Frank B. Haley, deceased  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



## **REPORT OF THE TOWN BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

After careful consideration of the by-laws of the Town as they now stand, your committee makes the following suggestions and recommendations to the Town:

### **ARTICLE I**

Section 5. It is recommended that this by-law be amended to provide that by-laws may be repealed, amended, or adopted at annual meetings only.

Section 6. It is recommended that this by-law be amended to provide a maximum penalty of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for violation of a Town by-law in accordance with a recent amendment to the General Laws of Massachusetts.

### **ARTICLE II**

Section 7. It is recommended that this by-law be amended to provide for the election of Town Officers annually on the first Monday of March in each year and the scheduling of an appropriations or business meeting on the second Monday in March.

### **ARTICLE VII**

Section 44. It is recommended that this by-law be amended to provide that elected officers may keep accounts and records in suitable books in the town offices or in their respective offices at home.

The Committee recommends that the Selectmen annually appoint a By-Law Committee to review the Town By-Laws and suggest such changes or additions as they find to be in order.

1968 By-Law Committee

Theodore W. Skowyra  
George B. Adams  
Andrew W. Gondek

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Cash Received as of December 31, 1968

### 1968

Real Estate	\$198,722.97
Classified Forest Land	1,020.04
Personal Property	31,259.28
Motor Vehicle Excise	28,205.94
Farm Animal Excise	116.38
Trailer Park Rental	<u>2,652.00</u>
Cash to Treasurer	\$261,976.61

### 1967

Real Estate	\$47,321.46
Classified Forest Land	376.48
Personal Property	789.24
Motor Vehicle Excise	8,421.05
Farm Animal Excise	34.15
Trailer Park Rental	<u>2,088.00</u>
Cash to Treasurer	\$59,030.38

### 1966

Real Estate	\$5,449.86
Classified Forest Land	10.34
Personal Property	39.48
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,000.18
Farm Animal Excise	<u>13.13</u>
Cash to Treasurer	\$6,512.99

### 1965

Real Estate	\$1,685.12
Classified Forest Land	8.58
Personal Property	51.87
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,534.63
Farm Animal Excise	<u>11.88</u>
Cash to Treasurer	\$3,292.08

### 1964

Real Estate	\$898.08
Classified Forest Land	7.92
Motor Vehicle Excise	<u>43.20</u>
Cash to Treasurer	\$949.20

1963

Real Estate	\$608.66
Classified Forest Land	<u>7.70</u>
Cash to Treasurer	\$616.36

1962

Real Estate	\$210.18
Classified Forest Land	6.82
Motor Vehicle Excise	<u>2.20</u>
Cash to Treasurer	\$219.20

1961

Real Estate	\$203.40
Classified Forest Land	19.80
Motor Vehicle Excise	<u>2.48</u>
Cash to Treasurer	\$225.68

A complete audit of the Tax Collector's books has not been completed at the time of printing of the Annual Report for the Town of Brimfield. Therefore, I submit only a partial report for the year ended December 31, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara W. Keith  
Temporary Tax Collector

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Did You Know . . .

that Brimfield was the third town settled in Hampden County?

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand 1-1-68	\$135,416.03	
Cash Receipts	<u>774,916.01</u>	\$910,332.04
Paid on Treasury Warrants	802,845.56	
Cash on hand 12-31-68	<u>107,486.48</u>	910,332.04

### Funds in Custody of Treasurer

Harriet Allen School Fund		1,319.51
Mary Burns School Fund		1,775.40
Library Funds		
Mary Hyde	831.50	
Ursula Shaw	2,489.09	
Endocia Flynt	103.52	
Albert Tarbell	200.00	
Julia Coy	645.04	
Elizabeth Robinson	411.41	
Fitzhenry Warren	1,000.00	
Emily Wood	500.00	
Mary Burns	<u>1,000.00</u>	7,180.56
Harriet Harding Fund		3,978.27
James O. Lincoln Library Building		4,220.38
Chamberlain Smith Historical Fund		590.40
Pearsall Monument Fence Fund		197.47
Bliss Cemetery Gate Fund		64.16
Cemetery Wall Fund		461.31
Hoyt Animal Cemetery Fund		667.64
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Principal		19,985.55
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Interest		<u>16,973.75</u>
		57,414.40

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence H. Keith  
Town Treasurer

Did You Know . . .

that in 1742 the Town of Brimfield voted to build three schools?

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

Raised by Taxation	\$448,474.40
Appropriated from Available Funds	44,763.54
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay in prior years	8,117.47
School Lunch Program	1,087.24
Free Public Libraries	500.00
Veterans Service District Assessment	824.50
County Tax	12,021.63
State Recreation Areas	1,533.39
Audit of Municipal Accounts	93.89
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	189.90
Overlay of Current Year	<u>11,078.41</u>
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$528,684.37
Available Funds & Estimated Receipts	<u>234,090.85</u>
Net Amount to be raised by taxation	\$294,593.52

Tax Rate - \$52.00 per M

Personal Property Valuation	\$ 639,150.00
Real Estate Valuation	<u>5,026,110.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$5,665,260.00

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Killian  
John M. Haley  
Andrew W. Gondek



**REPORT OF**  
**THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**  
For the year ending December 31, 1968  
**PAYMENTS**  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Moderator:		
Salary	\$175.00	
Travel	<u>13.75</u>	\$188.75
Selectmen:		
Salaries	1,212.50	
Clerk	400.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	152.89	
Travel	383.60	
Telephone	231.95	
Dog Officer Services	601.00	
Dog List	50.00	
Insurance	24.11	
All Other	<u>73.95</u>	3,130.00
Town Accountant:		
Salary	1,200.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	70.00	
Dues	<u>5.00</u>	1,275.00
Town Treasurer:		
Salary	800.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	228.48	
Bond	117.00	
Dues	4.00	
All Other	<u>16.00</u>	1,165.48
Tax Collector:		
Salary	750.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	416.11	
Bond	180.00	
Dues	<u>4.00</u>	1,350.11
Assessors:		
Salaries	1,350.00	
Clerk	400.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	268.00	
Travel	171.00	
All Other	<u>22.80</u>	2,211.80

Finance Committee:		
Salary	\$ 25.00	\$
All Other	<u>41.30</u>	
		66.30
Certifying Notes		30.00
Town Counsel:		
Salary	200.00	
Legal Fees	325.00	
Claim Settlement	<u>2,000.00</u>	
		2,525.00
Town Clerk:		
Salary	450.00	
Recording Fees	91.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	199.72	
Bond	10.00	
All Other	<u>45.50</u>	
		796.22
Election & Registration:		
Registrars Salaries'	239.00	
Election Officers Salaries	522.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	194.30	
Street List	213.10	
All Other	<u>56.36</u>	
		1,224.76
Planning Board:		
Printing	388.30	
Advertising	<u>29.38</u>	
		417.68
Town Hall:		
Janitor Salary	900.00	
Fuel	875.20	
Light	106.85	
Janitor's Supplies	2.46	
Repairs	29.54	
Painting	<u>440.00</u>	
		2,354.05
Town Garage & Fire Station:		
Care & Maintenance		<u>853.63</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		<u>\$17,588.78</u>

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Dept, :			
Police Wages	\$	605.00	\$
Constable Wages		500.00	
Travel		58.00	
Prisoners' Meals		6.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage		<u>61.00</u>	
			1,230.00
Fire Dept.:			
Chief Salary		200.00	
Forest Fire Wages		267.00	
Travel		4.95	
Gas & Oil		242.97	
Parts, Repairs & Equipment		1,686.04	
Fuel		260.28	
Light		118.02	
Repairs & Improvements		10.75	
Printing, Stationery & Postage		12.29	
Telephone		371.18	
Insurance		1,398.41	
Dues		10.00	
Advertising & Legal		17.80	
Permits		<u>85.00</u>	
			4,684.69
Civil Defense:			
Director's Salary			100.00
Moth Suppression:			
Travel		16.66	
Labor		208.00	
Tree Removal		550.00	
Comp. Insurance		<u>8.64</u>	
			783.30
Tree Warden:			
Salary		100.00	
Tree Removal		440.00	
Gas & Oil		<u>9.60</u>	
			<u>549.60</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY			<u>\$ 7,347.59</u>

## HEALTH & SANITATION

### Health Dept:

Committee Salaries	\$ 150.00	\$
Medicines & Medical Attendance	77.50	
Barn & Animal Inspection	75.00	
Advertising	7.00	
Pest Control	36.00	
Fountain Repairs	150.33	
Care of Dump	848.00	
All Other	<u>70.18</u>	
		<u>1,414.01</u>

### TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION

\$ 1,414.01

## HIGHWAYS

### General Highway:

#### Bridge Repairs:

Supt. Wages	\$ 232.00
Labor	573.00
Lumber, Materials & Tools	206.69
Trucks	217.60
Water Cooler	19.95
Comp. Insurance	<u>31.82</u>

#### Total Bridge

1,281.06

### Snow Removal:

Supt. Wages	1,844.27
Labor	2,625.68
Salt & Sand	1,980.52
Trucks	5,103.32
Advertising	4.00
Comp. Insurance	201.15
Hired Equipment	<u>335.50</u>

#### Total Snow Removal

12,094.44

### Total General Highway

\$ 13,375.50

### Highway:

#### Chapter 616 Acts of 1967:

Supt. Wages	\$ 224.00
Labor	496.00
Materials	23.25
Trucks	381.80
Hired Equipment	768.50

Comp. Insurance	\$ 32.40	\$
Oil	146.61	
Sand & Gravel	355.50	
Culverts	<u>1,225.69</u>	
		<u>3,653.75</u>
Total Chapter 616		<u>3,653.75</u>

Highway:

Chapter 81 Maint:

Supt. Wages	2,495.50	
Labor	4,965.50	
Material Sand & Gravel	1,298.98	
Trucks	3,591.40	
Hired Equipment	2,801.50	
Comp. Insurance	335.77	
Topping	684.24	
Oil	2,250.97	
All Other	<u>1,736.06</u>	
		<u>20,159.92</u>
Total Chapter 81 Maint.		<u>20,159.92</u>

Highway:

Chapter 90 Maint:

Supt. Wages	119.00	
Labor	344.50	
Trucks	153.60	
Comp. Insurance	20.86	
Materials, Oil & Topping	9,576.00	
Hired Equipment & Advertising	<u>286.00</u>	
		<u>10,499.96</u>
Total Chapter 90 Maint.		<u>10,499.96</u>

Highway :

Chapter 90 Const:

Supt. Wages	1,344.00	
Labor	4,200.50	
Trucks	3,791.20	
Material, Sand, Gravel & Culverts	7,479.19	
Comp. Insurance	249.40	
Hired Equipment & Advertising	<u>32,539.99</u>	
		<u>49,604.28</u>
Total Chapter 90 Const.		<u>49,604.28</u>



# Machinery Maintenance:

Supt, Wages	\$ 185.50	\$
Labor	397.00	
Telephone	132.42	
Parts & Repairs	3,869.80	
Comp. Insurance	26.21	
Machinery Insurance	878.42	
Gas & Oil	2,128.70	
Fuel	446.75	
Lights	209.54	
Registration	21.00	
Advertising	<u>23.30</u>	
		<u>8,318.64</u>
Total Machinery Maintenance		<u>8,318.64</u>

# Street Lighting:

Streets Contract	2,550.59	
Phone Booth	<u>38.33</u>	
		<u>2,588.92</u>
Total Street Lighting		<u>2,588.92</u>

# TOTAL HIGHWAYS

\$108,200.97

# PUBLIC WELFARE

## From Public Welfare Town:

Committee Salaries	75.00	
S.E. Hampden Welfare		
District	168.75	
General Relief	475.00	
General Relief Other Towns	207.16	
Medical Assistance	9,074.15	
Veterans Benefits	2,312.44	
Aid to Dependent Children	4,067.75	
Old Age Assistance	<u>129.75</u>	
		<u>16,510.00</u>
Total Public Welfare		<u>16,510.00</u>

## From Public Welfare Federal Grant:

Old Age Assistance	1,411.65	
Aid to Dependent Children	7,112.60	
Medical Assistance	<u>15,589.78</u>	
		<u>24,114.03</u>
Total Public Welfare Federal		<u>24,114.03</u>

# TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE - TOWN & FEDERAL

\$ 40,624.03

## SCHOOLS

### School Lunch:

Wages	\$4,120.80
Food	5,045.15
Other	<u>554.87</u>

\$9,720.82

### Total School Lunches

9,720.82

### School Dept:

School Committee Salaries	300.00
Supt. Salary	1,565.70
Clerk's Salaries	2,654.83
Printing, Stationery & Postage	270.37
Telephone	522.78
Travel	902.39
School Census	50.00
Office Equip. & Repairs	187.29
All Other General Expenses	257.72
Principal's Clerk Salary	1,119.75
Elementary Teachers Salaries	84,517.79
Teachers Aides Salaries	358.45
Substitute Teachers Salaries	2,180.00
Psychological Service	280.00
Tantasqua Regional High School	185,158.04
Textbooks	3,242.55
Supplies	3,081.77
Special Education Tuition	1,799.54
Vocational Tuition	1,941.74
Tantasqua Transportation	25,484.05
Elementary Transportation	9,006.65
Special Trips Transport.	628.94
Monson Hospital Transport.	1,278.00
Vocational Transport.	749.00
Personnel Training Trans.	10.00
Special Education Trans.	536.69
Janitor's Salaries	7,419.05
Fuel	1,892.11
Light	1,098.79
Building Repairs & Care of Grounds	5,296.32
Janitor's Supplies	1,449.78
All Other Bldg. Expense	140.00

School Bldg. Committee		
Expense s	\$ 36.00	\$
Office Rent	222.00	
Furniture	1,792.62	
Classroom Rent	900.00	
Miscellaneous Printing	265.36	
Insurance	12.06	
School Health:		
Physician	237.00	
Nurse	1,064.00	
Eye Testing	135.24	
All Other Health Expenses	<u>72.63</u>	
		<u>350,117.00</u>
TOTAL SCHOOLS		<u>\$359,837.82</u>

### LIBRARY

Public Library:		
Librarian Salary	1,500.00	
Assistants Wages	223.83	
Janitor's Salary	500.00	
Books	991.61	
Periodicals	210.65	
Binding Books	113.15	
Fuel	514.94	
Light	190.27	
Bldg. Repairs	554.03	
Furniture	10.94	
Care of Grounds	6.00	
Janitor's Supplies	5.69	
Fire Equip. Supplies	45.30	
Stationery & Postage	149.03	
Telephone	<u>99.09</u>	
		<u>5,114.53</u>
TOTAL LIBRARY		<u>\$ 5,114.53</u>

### RECREATION

Town Common	379.60	
Tri-Town Recreation Committee	<u>284.97</u>	
		<u>664.57</u>
TOTAL RECREATION		<u>\$ 664.57</u>

## UNCLASSIFIED

Mack Truck Repairs	\$1,193.00	\$
Memorial Day	248.40	
Annuities	150.00	
Town Reports	810.50	
Town Property Insurance	3,185.70	
Workmen's Comp. Insurance	1,123.00	
County Aid to Agriculture	25.00	
Highway Loader Purchase	12,977.00	
Fire Truck Purchase	6,400.00	
Mobile Classroom Purchase	<u>4,654.73</u>	
		30,767.33
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED		\$ <u><u>30,767.33</u></u>

## CEMETERIES

Committee's Salaries	300.00	
Labor	1,218.50	
Tree Removal	75.00	
Equipment Expenses	89.46	
Gas & Oil	12.82	
All Other	<u>19.09</u>	
		1,714.87
TOTAL CEMETERIES		\$ <u><u>1,714.87</u></u>

## INTEREST

On Loans, Anticipation of		
Revenue	<u>3,107.00</u>	
TOTAL INTEREST		\$ <u><u>3,107.00</u></u>

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans, Antici-		
pation of Revenue	187,600.00	
County Retirement Assessment	2,149.00	
Veterans Service District		
Assessment	824.50	
Auditing Municipal Accounts		
Assessment	93.89	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills		
Assessment	189.90	
State Recreation Areas		
Assessment	<u>1,408.97</u>	
		192,266.26
TOTAL MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		\$ <u><u>192,266.26</u></u>

## AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT

Agency:		
County Tax	\$11,520.11	\$
Dog Licenses for County	<u>774.25</u>	
		<u>12,294.36</u>
Total Agency		<u>12,294.36</u>
Trust & Investment		
From Perpetual Care Funds	1,000.90	
Federal Withholding Taxes	18,128.17	
Mass. Withholding Taxes	3,458.01	
County Retirement	<u>456.85</u>	
		<u>23,043.93</u>
		<u>23,043.93</u>
TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT		<u>\$35,338.29</u>

## REFUNDS & TRANSFERS

Refunds:		
Taxes	351.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,241.51	
Recording Fees	2.00	
Dog Licenses for County	<u>22.00</u>	
		<u>1,616.51</u>
Total Refunds		<u>1,616.51</u>
Transfers:		
Calvin Wheaton Cemetery		
Perpetual Care	150.00	
Lydia Hitchcock Cemetery		
Perpetual Care	<u>200.00</u>	
		<u>350.00</u>
Total transfers		<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL REFUNDS & TRANSFERS		<u>\$1,966.51</u>

Total Payments		805,952.56
Cash in Checking Acct.	12/31/68	106,018.65
Cash in Savings Acct.	12/31/68	<u>1,467.83</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$913,439.04</u>



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**TOWN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Other Source</u>	<u>From Approp.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	\$ 100.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 188.75	\$ 6.25
Moderator	-	3350.00	3350.00	3130.00	220.00
Selectmen	-	1350.00	1350.00	1275.00	75.00
Town Accountant	-	1398.00	1398.00	1165.48	232.52
Town Treasurer	-	1507.00	1507.00	1350.11	156.89
Tax Collector	-	2250.00	2250.00	2211.80	38.20
Assessors	-	20.00	30.00	30.00	-
Certifying Notes	10.00	75.00	75.00	66.30	8.70
Finance Committee	-	200.00	200.00	200.00	-
Town Counsel	-	2300.00	2325.00	2325.00	-
Legal Fees and Expenses	25.00	1000.00	1000.00	-	1000.00
Hitchcock Property Survey	-	150.00	150.00	-	150.00
Hitchcock Title Search	-	725.00	825.00	796.22	28.78
Town Clerk	100.00	1175.00	1225.00	1224.76	.24
Election & Registration	50.00	300.00	450.00	417.68	32.32
Planning Board	150.00	3040.00	3040.00	2365.45	674.55
Town Hall	-	300.00	933.00	842.23	90.77
Fire Station & Gar.	633.00	700.00	730.00	730.00	-
Police Dept.	30.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
Constables	-	4585.00	4684.69	4684.69	-
Fire Dept.	99.69	785.71	785.71	783.30	2.41
Moth Suppression	-	550.00	550.00	549.60	.40
Tree Warden	-	-	391.20	100.00	291.20
Civil Defense	391.20	-	-	-	-

Health Dept.	2200.00	2200.00	1414.01	785.99
General Highway	15000.00	15000.00	13375.50	1624.50
Chapter 616	-	3662.12	3653.75	8.37
Chapter 81 Maint.	2560.00	20160.00	20159.92	.08
Chapter 90 Maint.	3500.00	10500.00	10499.96	.04
Chapter 90 Con. (65)	-	3728.74	3725.30	3.44
Chapter 90 Con. (66)	-	19995.58	19995.58	-
Chapter 90 Con. (67)	-	4995.00	19993.90	-14998.90
Chapter 90 Con. (68)	5500.00	22000.00	5889.50	16110.50
Machinery Maint.	-	18786.93	19462.64	- 675.71
Street Lighting	2639.00	2639.00	2588.92	50.08
Mack Truck Repair	-	1200.00	1193.00	7.00
Southeast Hampden				
Welfare District	168.75	168.75	168.75	-
Public Welfare				
Assistance	14070.00	14248.23	13899.06	349.17
Veterans Benefits	1000.00	2375.00	2312.44	62.56
School Dept.	166753.60	166754.79	164922.96	1831.83
Tantasqua R. H. School	185158.04	185158.04	185158.04	-
Mobile School Classroom	6980.00	6980.00	4654.73	2325.27
Library	3760.00	5115.17	5114.53	.64
Town Common	400.00	400.00	379.60	20.40
Tri-Town Recreation	300.00	300.00	284.97	15.03
Annuities	150.00	150.00	150.00	-
Highway Loader	-	12977.00	12977.00	-
Town Truck	-	4944.00	-	4944.00
Memorial Day	300.00	300.00	248.40	51.60
Workmens Comp.	244.80	1123.00	1123.00	-

Town Reports	-	810.50	810.50	810.50	-
Town Property Ins.	750.00	2700.00	3450.00	3185.70	264.30
Fire Truck Purchase	-	10500.00	10500.00	6400.00	4100.00
Cemetery Acct.	-	1900.00	1900.00	1714.87	185.13
Interest	107.00	3000.00	3107.00	3107.00	-
Reserve Fund	-	7500.00	7500.00	4147.27	3352.73
County Aid to Agriculture		25.00	25.00	25.00	-
County Retirement	-	2149.00	2149.00	2149.00	-
Assessment					
Totals	\$117623.05	\$465624.40	\$583247.45	\$559821.17	\$23426.28

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Brimfield Police have traveled approximately 5900 miles this year patrolling the highways and performing investigations in the town.

The police officers have been on duty 2515 hours on Sundays, holidays, weekdays and on many emergencies. The average compensation for the active man was slightly higher this year due to a \$100 increase in the total budget. These men have performed services at churches, funerals, fires, parades, town meetings, and special gatherings. Many officers were on duty four days during the firemens' carnival and four evenings at Hallowe'en from 6:30 P.M. until after midnight. The officers have been compensated by those engaging them for dances, auctions, and special duties for private concerns or individuals.

Eighteen written warnings, nineteen complaints and NO arrests were made this year. Some complaints were paid through power of attorney and some resulted in court appearances. Court dispositions were made for the following: speeding, improper equipment, road violations, driving to endanger, no registration in possession, no license in possession, no inspection sticker, and failing to stop for a police officer.

Thirty-one summons were served to Brimfield residents for other police departments. These violations included speeding, road violations, revocation of plates, liquor in vehicles, illegal parking, no inspection stickers, larceny, inhaling toxic vapors, and delinquent children.

Fifteen vehicle accidents were investigated. The department also assisted the State Police in vehicle accident investigations, sales of liquor to minors, which proved to be a false accusation, two stolen vehicles found in Brimfield, six breaking and entering cases, including the Town Hall, the Elementary School, and four homes; three missing persons, warnings for lookout for wanted persons, one assist for drunkenness and disturbing the peace, one case of bothering a minor child as well as minor complaints.

Messages from other cities and towns were relayed in cases



of sickness and death, etc. Information requested by State Police or other police departments and the registry of motor vehicles was communicated to the same.

Thirty accident reports on twenty-seven accidents in Brimfield were received from forty-two persons involved. Accident reports MUST be filed with the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Chief of Police in the town where the accident occurs, involving personal injury or vehicle damage or combined vehicle damage of \$200 or more.

Sno-mobiles may not be registered and must not be operated on a public way.

Two requests were made from non-residents to check for items left at motels by the same; requests were made to keep check on vacant homes; one request for information to clear up a title; requests from insurance companies for information reports on five thefts, six vehicle accidents and one vehicle-pedestrian accident; one request to check on illegal practice; six employment reference requests; and three service requests.

Thirty-seven pistol permits and renewals were issued. One hundred and forty-four Firearm Identification registrations were issued. The fee charged for these registrations goes into the town general fund. I wish to thank the following for their help in firearms registrations at no cost to the Town of Brimfield: Llewellyn Norton, William Roberts, Julianne Spooner, William Spooner, and Barbara Allen.

The cooperation received from the Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, city and town police departments has been of great assistance to the Brimfield police department. The residents of Brimfield have cooperated fully as well. My work has been made easier through the efforts of the Brimfield police officers. They have willingly given their services regardless of weather or time of day, thus keeping accidents and complaints at a minimum.

The department lost a conscientious, loyal police officer when Ed Sheeran passed away. Ed was always willing to say yes he would help if it was at all possible, regardless of time or weather.

I congratulate the Brimfield Police officers and thank them for all services performed.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. ALLEN  
Chief of Police

## REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

This past year the Town has had the following fires:

Grass fires	32
Brush & woodland	10
Truck & car	2
Dump	5
House	7
Cottage	2
Reported by tower	17
Assisting other towns	8

I am very grateful to the people of Brimfield for their co-operation in obtaining open-air fire permits. Over 550 permits were issued by the Department during 1968. I hope this practice will continue in the future. Permits may be obtained by calling 245-3552 during the day and 245-7752 at night. Again, I wish to remind the people that burning in an open barrel is permitted only between the hours of 6 P.M. and 6 A.M. Any open fire has to be by permit only.

The Department has various types of fire extinguishers for sale, and will also make arrangements to have extinguishers recharged. A call to either of the above numbers will bring these services to you.



1927 BUFFALO FIRE TRUCK

B.V.F.D. personnel  
re-conditioned and painted without charge for  
labor to the town.

I would like to thank the taxpayers for approving the purchase of a new fire truck. We expect delivery of this truck by the middle of January and it will be a tremendous help to the department and to the town.

The following work was done by the members of the Fire Department this year. The pump that was on the 1942 fire truck is now mounted on the tanker, making it an independent 1000 gallon unit. Also, the 1927 Buffalo was painted and a new seat installed. All of this work was done by the members in their time off from their regular work. I would like to say "thanks" to the members and I hope the townspeople realize the time and effort these men put into a job for which their only reward is satisfaction.

Again, thanks to everyone for the help in the past years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert L. Hanna  
Chief, Brimfield Fire  
Department



1943 GMC TANKER

B.V.F.D. personnel installed pump from 1942 Ford, painted and re-conditioned vehicle without charge for labor to the town.



## FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE COMMITTEE

Following the action taken at the 1968 Annual Town Meeting the following members were appointed to purchase a new fire truck for Brimfield: Selectmen, Richard J. Erban; Finance committee, David L. Cheney; Fire Chief, Robert Hanna; appointed by the previous three, Richard Souliere, John Sherman.

After arriving at suitable specifications, bids were asked and eventually opened on April 4, 1968. The contracts were awarded as follows; 1 cab and chassis to specifications - Walker Motor Sales, Palmer, Mass. for the sum of \$6400.00. 1 Maxim 750 gallon, mid-ship pumping truck body to specifications from Maxim Motor Division of Seagrave Corp., Middleboro, Mass. for \$15,596.00.

Total cost of fire truck will be \$21,996.00.

It is the feeling of this committee that we have obtained the maximum available piece of equipment for the amount of money spent. In actual fact both the cab and chassis and the fire truck body meet specifications greater than those we had hoped to be able to bargain for within our budget.

It is hoped that this truck will serve the Town long and well and that it will lessen the concern we all have for the danger of house and forest fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Erban, Chairman  
Fire Truck Purchase Committee



1968 CHEVROLET FIRE TRUCK

Ready and waiting to go!



## AMBULANCE SERVICE

For the Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 1968

I hereby submit my report as Secretary of the Ambulance Service for the year as follows:

The Department serviced calls from 45 local residents, including accidents and 48 out-of-town calls from Wales and Holland, with a total of 93 calls and 1664 miles of driving during the year.

The foregoing represents an increase in both calls and mileage over previous years, and indicates very clearly that the Ambulance Service still provides very necessary medical security to Brimfield, Wales and Holland, in the continued absence of a resident physician in all three towns.

The Annual Fire Department Supper was held in February in the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall, under the very able chairmanship of Mrs. Alice Adams, with culinary assistance from distaff members and friends. The Annual Firemens' Dance was held in April at Maple Lake Arms. The Easter Special in April and the Annual Lawn Party in July were also very successful. We extend sincere thanks to all those who cooperated in and patronized these projects, which cover much of the necessary expense of maintaining the Ambulance Service. Every effort is made to keep the charges for use of the ambulance to a minimum, and cover only that period of time between leaving the fire station and arrival at the patient's destination.

The ambulance is supported mainly by Volunteer Fire Department projects and donations. Except for the automobile insurance, it is in no way included in your tax dollar.

In this connection, may we state that the service is maintained for emergency use. We would request your cooperation in using private passenger vehicles for persons who can be so transported, for routine calls to the doctor or hospital. Very serious and dangerous situations can arise if an accident or serious illness occurs while the ambulance is out on such calls, and not available to those who are in dire need of it. It is always our desire to give the best possible service to those who need oxygen, special care and special transportation, especially in those situations where every minute counts.

When in need of ambulance service, please call 245-7222. A person stationed at the intersection of your road and the main road can save precious minutes by leading the ambulance, as can an illuminated porch at night, or someone by the front walk in the daytime.

May we again count on everyone's consideration and cooperation during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO LAVIGNE, Secretary  
Brimfield Volunteer Fire Department

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Did You Know . . .

that Brimfield was once a thriving manufacturing as well as farming community? Potash, salt peter, tar, charcoal, pottery, bricks, wool hats, wool cloth, shoemaker's tools, shoe pegging machinery, nails, watches and parts, cabinets, forging materials, boots, brown sheeting and cheese were produced.

## REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

My appointment as Civil Defense Director was made in March by the Selectmen for the year 1968.

Your Director attended a meeting at the Belchertown State School which is the Civil Defense Communication Center for Sector 4. The Center is up-to-date with radios for contacting Framingham State Communication Center, State Police and local areas. It is also completely independent, having a generator set, air conditioning and a food and water supply for key personnel for a period of two weeks.

At this meeting we met our new Director for Sector 4A, Wallace W. Mayer, who is residing at Meadowbrook Acres, Brimfield.

Most of the meetings were represented by Brimfield personnel, and practice radio communications were conducted.

Your Director should have requested funds for Civil Defense, but did not have the intestinal fortitude to do so.

I wish to thank all for their help and cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Kenneth Silvius  
Director of Civil Defense

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Did You Know . . .

that Brimfield covers an area of 35.27 square miles?

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

During the year of 1968, the Planning Board revised previous editions of a zoning by-law and presented it to the town at a special town meeting on June 19, 1968. The by-law was adopted by the town on that date and approved by the Attorney General of Massachusetts on September 12, 1968.

We would like to clarify here, the function of the Planning Board. Aside from being an advisory board to the Selectmen, for studying issues dealing with the future needs of the town, the Planning Board may also be charged by a vote of the town to study an issue and make any recommendations thereon.

The Planning Board meets at the Town Hall at 8:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of every even numbered month.

Respectfully submitted,  
Perry Weston, Chairman  
Donald Spear, Clerk  
Theodore L. Steensen  
Ernest Roberts  
Roger Sullivan

## **REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR**

I submit the first report of the Building Inspector. I gave out five (5) permits in all, two (2) were for alterations, one (1) for a horse barn and two (2) for houses.

One (1) illegal mobile home has been moved to the Holland Road and the Selectmen and I are working on its removal.

I would appreciate anyone's help in preventing mobile homes from moving in.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. PARKER  
Building Inspector



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health had three new members this year, one elected and two appointed. Since the functions and duties of the board were new to all, it took some time to become adjusted. The board met the first Tuesday of every month to carry on its business.

Some of the more important business other than licensing of motels, etc., was:

1. The town fountain was contaminated and had to be shut off. Repairs were made, but the contamination was still too high. Plans are to have the state inspector here this Spring to help locate the trouble.
2. Best attended immunization clinic sponsored by the board and carried out by Dr. John Rigatti and Mrs. Mary Lou Antonovitch, R.N.
3. Mr. McVeigh resigned as caretaker at the dump because of his health, and we were fortunate to get Mr. Lyman Stanton to replace him.
4. The board continued the efforts of the previous board in trying to obtain a Visiting Nursing Program for the town. A committee was asked to investigate the needs of the town and meet with members from neighboring towns to see if a program could be set up. At this time it appears we will have this much needed service in the near future.
5. The board, in keeping with the State Sanitary Code voted to require a percolation test on all new septic tank systems. A new system is considered to be one where a new tank and leach field is being installed. The board has contacted Mr. John Casey of Ware to do this, but any registered engineer can make the test. A permit is required for any installation or repair of septic system, and it must be inspected before it is covered over. According to State Law, no new dwelling is to be occupied until a certificate of compliance is obtained from the Board of Health. It is noted that over 40 inspections were made of new installations and repairs of existing systems during the last year.

6. Because of the number of complaints, the board, in the Spring, is going to investigate the number of abandoned homes that are not boarded up. It should be pointed out that the law requires that they be repaired or removed.

The function of the Board is to help provide for the health and safety of the citizens of the town. To this end we are ready to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Leth-Steensen, Chairman  
John L. Sherman  
Alice Matheson, Clerk

## **REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

The extraordinary developments of the past few years set off this decade as a period of unprecedented political, social, cultural and economic change. It is a period that marks the emergence of this nation as a welfare state. The advent of Medical Assistance for the Aged, Medicare, Medicaid, the absolute commitment of State and Federal Governments to the "have-nots", has never before been experienced by the indigent, and perhaps by some not so indigent. This imperative has been thrust upon all social agencies by outside forces and because these demands are more sweeping than normally generated changes, they are the more dramatic in their new ideology.

Massachusetts has always been a forerunner in social welfare changes, and this commitment to its poor has been reflected in its many programs to eliminate, or at least fight the poverty blight. In light of this, new legislation was passed, taking control of the welfare programs away from the local cities and towns, and giving it into the hands of a central agency, the State Department of Public Welfare. The wisdom of this move has yet to be proved.

The law went into effect on July 1, 1968, and upon that date, and from that date, each welfare office in the State became a state welfare office. The resulting chaos, augmented by upheavals and demonstrations in various parts of the state have given the general public a very poor image of public welfare. Costs to the taxpayer have soared to unprecedented heights, and unless curbed by legislation, will continue to even greater heights.

The wisdom of the reorganization is now being questioned. It has not reduced case loads, it has not reduced paper work, clerical duties have increased, too many areas have priorities, thus leaving other areas under-staffed and ignored. Too many priorities and not enough pre-planning to handle the multiple problems which existed still continue to exist in spite of lofty planning and reorganization.

As a local welfare office, we had a dichotomy of responsibility; one to the client and one to the taxpayer. The latter, under reorganization, has been removed. Uniformity of services still does not exist. Priorities, again.

We end our term as a local welfare service office as of June 30, 1968. We have tried to meet the needs of those who came to us for help -- we have done our best to combat social ills, medical needs, and offered whatever constructive counselling we could. We will continue to act with our clients best interests at heart under the new banner of State Welfare Service.

Albert R. Dupsha, Director  
SOUTHEAST HAMPDEN WELFARE DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 1968



### **School Committee**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
Raymond Roberts, Chairman	1971
Pia Sherman, Secretary	1969
William Whitten, Tantasqua Representative	1970

### **Superintendent of Schools**

Roland Wilson

Office Hours, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Telephone: 347-3077

### **Principal of Elementary School**

Arthur H. Bush

Office Hours, 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Telephone: 245-3326

### **School Physician**

John L. Rigatti, M. D.

Telephone: 347-3634

### **School Nurse**

Mrs. Mary Lou Antonovitch, R. N.

## NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Information will be broadcast over station WARE and WESO between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 A.M.

## NO SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Tantasqua Regional High School, by decision of the Tantasqua School Committee, will be open on all regular school days, regardless of the weather, unless some emergency develops at the school itself, or when the superintendent announces there will be no school.

Transportation of pupils is provided both to the elementary school and the high school by the school committee of each town's elementary school. The decision as to whether it is safe or feasible for buses to run to the high school is made by the superintendent of schools.

## ENTRANCE AGE OF PUPILS TO GRADE 1

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Last Monday of each month throughout year at 7:30 P.M. at the Elementary School.

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND UNION #61

1969-70 SCHOOL CALENDAR

<u>September</u>					<u>October</u>					<u>November</u>						
		3	4	5			1	2	3		3	4	5	6	--	
8	9	10	11	12		6	7	8	9	10	10	--	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19		--	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26		20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	--	--	
29	30					27	28	29	30	31						
<u>December</u>					<u>January</u>					<u>February</u>						
1	2	3	4	5		5	6	7	8	9		2	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	12		12	13	14	15	16		9	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19		19	20	21	22	23		--	17	18	19	20
22	23					26	27	28	29	30						
<u>March</u>					<u>April</u>					<u>May</u>						
2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	--		--	--	--	--	--	--	26	27	28	29	
30	31					27	28	29	30							
<u>June</u>																
		1	2	3	4	5										
		8	9	10	11	12										
		15	16	17	18	19										

Sept. 2	Opening Workshop & Preparation		
Sept. 3	First full day for pupils		
June 5	Last day of classes for Seniors		
June 7	Baccalaureate		
June 14	Graduation		
1st Quarter:	Sept. 3 - Nov. 6	46	Days
2nd Quarter:	Nov. 10 - Jan. 16	39	Days
3rd Quarter:	Jan. 19 - March 31	45	Days
4th Quarter:	Apr. 1 - June 19	52	Days
		182	Days

# ANNUAL SCHOOL CENSUS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1968

Distribution of Minors	5 yrs. or over and under 7	7 yrs. or over and under 21
Boys	39	269
Girls	<u>55</u>	<u>195</u>
Total	94	464

## Distribution of above Minors:

In Public / day school membership	83	365
In Vocational school membership		22
In private school membership	10	28
In State and County Institutions and special schools	1	4
Not enrolled in any day school	<u>      </u>	<u>45</u>
Total	94	464



## Superintendent's Report

I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1968:

As we welcome the year 1969, we are faced with essentially the same building problem that faced us at the conclusion of 1967. Although various building committees have met during the past year, the only clear proposal presented is the possible alliance with the Southern Worcester County Vocational District. Other proposals have not been fully formulated although a great amount of study has been done and is in process to analyze the projected needs of the total district including the schools of Union 61.

At this writing, the plan for a middle school first proposed in 1965, more than four years ago, seems to emerge as the only reasonable, economically sound and educationally feasible plan.

Recent meetings with the representatives of the School Building Assistance Commission confirm that all schools must be part of a regional school district under one superintendent and one school committee by December, 1968 or present a long range plan which is acceptable to the State Department of Education.

It is apparent that a middle school built by our five towns and financed on a per pupil basis is the only reasonable solution. It is also apparent that planning for this building must begin immediately if we are to meet the pressing space problems of both Tantasqua and the elementary schools of Union 61. Availability of space within our district schools has now reached the critical stage.

This critical problem is emphasized by our awareness that a four room addition to Burgess Elementary School presently under construction, to be ready for August 1, 1969, will be full before it is opened. In other towns Brimfield Elementary is now using one portable classroom and one room at St. Christopher's Church with large classes in all other grades dictating the need for immediate building plans on a regional level.

Many of the schools of the district face the 1973 target date for mandatory kindergartens with inadequate facilities. Wales, Brookfield and Brimfield fall in this category.

Finally, Tantasqua built for 1080 is above capacity with 1183 students as of October 1, 1968. We anticipate the enrollment will reach 1200 by October 1, 1969.

Curriculum: During 1968, we have carefully evaluated the curriculum needs of the school system grades K-12. As a result of this evaluation many areas of curriculum are being studied.

Perceptually Handicapped: A program to train tutors for the perceptually handicapped will begin on January 30, 1969. This program will be supervised by Mrs. Alice Garside of the Mass. General Hospital Speech and Language Clinic. Training will be conducted as a practicum to provide maximum exposure to correct tutoring methods. We hope to train ten tutors for use within the five town district.

Drug Abuse: A problem in all schools and colleges today will be the theme of our first release-time workshop in 1969. Many schools including our own are aware of the threat of hallucinogens and marihuana. We must also be aware that experimentation or use by some of our students seems apparent. If we are to control this abuse, we must educate our young people to this danger at a much earlier age. Therefore, we hope to incorporate this instruction in our elementary curriculum very soon.

Federal Programs: A \$45,000.00 planning grant for an Educational Resource Learning Laboratory Project was the feature of our program to obtain federal funds. This project funded under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act will be directed by Mrs. Alberta Sebolt of the Burgess Elementary staff.

Three additional federal grants were received under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The first was a grant of \$6,000.00 designed to provide remedial reading instruction to elementary children during the summer months. The second was a grant of \$9,400.00 for a summer field trip program to provide cultural experiences for the young people within our area. The third was a major grant of \$24,000.00 for the improvement of reading instruction within the elementary schools of our district.

Other grants were received under Titles II and III and the

Vocational Education Act. Our libraries received \$4,200.00. Our Business Education Department received \$4,906.00. In conclusion, our district enjoyed \$106,306.00 in federal grants during 1968 to advance our total educational program.

Staff recruiting for our schools is requiring more and more administrative time. Elementary teachers, particularly, are more and more difficult to recruit. Field recruiting must be supported by a salary schedule and working conditions which attract teachers to our schools. It is, therefore, imperative that we maintain our present position in relation to other towns of the area and correct the salary disparity between our elementary and secondary schools.

I look to 1969 optimistically with the hope that complete regionalization, kindergarten through grade twelve, and the approval of a middle school, grades five to eight, may become a reality.

In conclusion, may I thank the citizens of our towns for their support of our educational programs, the school committees for their untiring efforts and patience, and our excellent staff members for their diligence during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland W. Wilson  
Superintendent of Schools



## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

I herewith submit the annual report of the Brimfield Elementary School:

The school enrollment for opening day, September, 1968 was as follows:

Grade 1	56
Grade 2	46
Grade 3	34
Grade 4	32
Grade 5	46
Grade 6	<u>37</u>
	251

Presently there are 10 elementary stations in the town. Two of these are outside of the main building; one being at St. Christopher's Church hall and the other in the portable classroom adjacent to the school. A new primary reading program (Programmed Reading) has been introduced in one of the first grades this year on an experimental basis. It is based on the idea of giving youngsters the opportunity to read at their own level and rate on a complete individual basis.

A word of thanks should be given to the Elementary School Mothers' Club who really have a sincere interest in the youngsters and the conditions under which they are to learn. Annually they contribute material and equipment to the school to help make a more fruitful situation for the youngsters. I am privileged to be associated with this group and the progressive spirit which they manifest.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur H. Bush, Principal



## REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

The general music program for Grades 1-6 consists of two one-half hour classes a week.

My overall objectives for all grades are:

1. To provide personal pleasure through musical experience and participation - by developing the desire and power to feel and respond to different types of rhythm and mood in music.
2. To develop the ability to convey musical meaning - by developing the ability to sing correctly with proper phrasing and interpretation.
3. To cultivate an appreciation of good music through listening only to the best music.

In order to sing correctly, to listen properly - in general to appreciate and enjoy the art of music more fully, a certain knowledge of musical theory and organization is needed. In this area, I have specific objectives for each grade level.

It is most important, however, that musical theory does not make music "paper music". Though a child may understand the theory and mechanics of music, it is the ear - the feeling for the mood, the line, the flow of music - which designates a person musical. Though musicality is more natural to some persons than to others, musicality may be acquired, and its acquiring heightens more and more the pleasure music brings. It might be said, therefore that it is musicality rather than music that I propose to teach.

It is rare, then, that I teach a lesson exclusively on theory. I prefer to teach enjoyable songs containing chosen theoretical problems. In this way, the students feel first what is later explained and recognized intellectually.

There is available a wide variety of music equal to grade interests - music which prompts both inner-personal and bodily-group response. Through the year, songs for seasons and holidays, foreign language songs, folk songs patriotic songs, ballads, and fun songs are taught. The sequence of songs and subjects is chosen keeping both diversity and continuity in mind. Listening experiences (both listening and teaching records) as well as instrumental and compositional experiences are also integrated into the music program.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cote, Music Supervisor

#### REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

In June 1969, I will have completed my third year as art supervisor for Union 61. This year my program does not vary from previous years.

I find that the students are generally receptive to the lessons, however, some lack confidence and encouragement in appreciating their own work. This attitude, which stifles creativity can be changed by us as parents and teachers. We can recognize and accept the child's creative efforts, and we can check our own "constructive" criticisms before they become destructive.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Downey

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT COUNSELLOR

The major services of the School Adjustment Counsellor emphasize both the educational and the emotional areas of school life. The indication is that both are essential and inseparable. These services can be classified as follows:

1. Educational diagnosis and remediation. By means of test, classroom observations, interviews, individual history, and the contributions of other specialists, the educational status of a pupil is defined, including his assets and areas of difficulty, and attempts to identify the factors related to his difficulties as well as to his successes. Recommendations are then made which aim at improving the educational adjustment of the pupil studied. Steps taken may include tutoring, alterations in the classroom milieu in cooperation with teachers, placement in a special class, presentation of new experiences within school life through the efforts of school personnel, alteration of family attitudes and behavior through personal interviews or a revised educational plan.

2. Personality diagnosis and remediation. The educational adjustment of a pupil is an integral part of his personality adjustment. In considering his educational life, the counsellor must expect to consider the pupil's personality, history, social life, cultural milieu, and physical health.

A total of approximately eighty-five children from the Union were referred during the past year. An attempt was made to help these children who were currently showing an adjustment which was markedly different from that of their age level and peer group, but bearing in mind that difference, by itself, need not imply maladjustment. Psychological difficulties must include not only behavior which is aberrant from the criterion group but dissatisfaction on the part of the individual, his family, his teachers, his

criterion group, or a combination of these.

The referred pupils usually can be classified as (1) aggressive, (2) socially maladjusted, (3) educationally maladjusted, (4) unhappy. Many times the difficult situation which causes the maladjustment cannot be changed; however, the pupil can be helped to face the consequences of the maladjustment. Play therapy, pupil counselling, parental counselling, tutoring, teacher conferences, schedule modification, professional referrals, are some of the methods used to help meet the needs of these children.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernestine McEachern,  
School Adjustment Counsellor

#### REPORT OF REMEDIAL READING TEACHER

At present I am helping 33 children in Brimfield and 21 children in Wales with reading. All of these are in grades one, two and three.

Most of the time I use the Gillingham method of phonics which works well with slow learners. In conjunction with this, we use the Sullivan programmed workbooks in which the pupils proceed at their own rate.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Maloney (Mrs.)



## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

As more parents become aware of their responsibility in obtaining adequate regular medical attention for their children our school health program progresses very well. Preventive procedures are essential, therefore we include such things as Tuberculosis testing and Diabetic testing as well as immunizations through the school, but these can never replace regular visits (at least yearly) to good doctors for complete physical check-ups.

As a result of the Immunization Law enacted last December, our children are extremely well protected against most preventable diseases, but clinics will be available for series or booster injections to keep their immunization level at a maximum. May I ask that if immunizations are given by family doctors a certificate be sent to school for inclusion in School Health Records.

Also, under State Law, all communicable diseases must be reported to the State Public Health Office. This responsibility lies with the householder and may be done by notifying the school nurse that a communicable disease is present in the home. Reportable diseases include Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps, German Measles, Strep Throats, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Hepatitis, etc.

A new and much more efficient vision tester has been purchased and I thank the School Committee for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Antonovitch, RN

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Training</u>	<u>Yrs. Serv</u>		<u>Total Yrs</u>
			<u>Brimfield</u>	<u>Service</u>	
Superintendent	Roland W. Wilson	BS, MA, Worcester State College	1		18
Business Manager	William J. Utess	Amer. Internat. College	1		1
<u>Elementary School</u>					
Principal	Arthur H. Bush	BA, Boston College MA, Bridgewater State	5		10
Grade 1	Frances Souliere	College of Our Lady of Elms	10		11
Grade 1	Carolyn Riley	Trinity College	0		1
Grade 2	Mary Moore	Westfield State College	6		6
Grade 2	Florence Gendreau	Gorham St. Normal School	15		18
Grade 3	Mary McDonald	Westfield State College	6		21
Grade 4	Thomas J. Flanagan	BA, St. Anselm's; Boston Coll. MA, Univ. of Conn.	0		10
Grade 5	Elizabeth Ahern	Westfield State College	3		3
Grade 5	Paul Ferron	Assumption College	0		00
Grade 6	Allan E. Cohen	New York University	0		0
Grade 6	John Lambert	BA, Catholic Univ. MS, Manhattan	0		13

Art	Mary Downey	Mercyhurst College	2	5
Music	Susan Cote	Anna Maria College	0	0
Remedial Reading	Marion Maloney	Westfield State College	11	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
Adjustment Counsellor	Ernestine McEachern	Miss. St. Coll. for Women University of South. Miss.	2	10

# FINANCIAL SHEET FOR 1968

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$166,753.60
REFUNDS	<u>1.19</u>
	\$166,754.79

## EXPENDITURES:

### ADMINISTRATION

School Committee	\$ 490.91
Superintendent's Office	4,560.56

### INSTRUCTION

Principal's Office	8,194.09
Teachers' Salaries	78,769.91
Supplies & Materials	2,239.83
Personnel Training	107.78
Special Education - Tuition	1,711.00
Travel - Art, Music, Reading	105.00
Textbooks	2,108.27
Library Service	266.70
Audio - Visual	607.20
Guidance	421.11
Psychological Services	280.00

### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Adjustment Counsellor	1,790.57
Health Services	
Salaries	1,301.00
Supplies	72.63
Travel	39.50
Transportation	35,604.92
Field Trips	162.00
Student Body Activities	45.00
School Lunch Services	60.00
Special Education Transportation	670.63

### OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Custodial Services	
Salaries	7,413.25
Supplies & Materials	1,283.04
Services - Admin. Office	52.69
Heating - Fuel	1,892.11
Utilities	
School	1,449.14



Admin. Office	138.79	
Maintenance of Grounds	61.42	
Maintenance of Buildings	5,393.59	
Contracted Services		
School	398.75	
Admin. Office	31.43	
<b>FIXED CHARGES</b>		
Insurance & Rent		
Admin. Office	234.06	
Rent - St. Christopher's Church	900.00	
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>		
Homebound & Private Schools	504.00	
<b>ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Capital Outlay		
School	1,927.86	
Admin. Office	20.12	
Library	448.63	
N.D.E.A. Title III	474.73	
<b>PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS &amp; PRIVATE SCHOOLS</b>		
Vocational & Tuition & Transportation	<u>2,690.74</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDED</b>		164,922.96
<b>UNEXPENDED BALANCE</b>		<u><u>1,831.83</u></u>
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS</b>		
Chapter 70	\$43,300.00	
Chapter 71	25,000.00	
State Wards	800.00	
Vocational Education	500.00	
Special Education	<u>500.00</u>	
<b>Total Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$70,100.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		164,922.96
<b>LESS TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS</b>		<u>70,100.00</u>
<b>COST TO TAXPAYERS</b>		94,822.96

## SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1969

Administration	7,224.04
Instruction	122,829.00
Other School Services	43,989.00
Operation & Maintenance of Plant & Equipment	21,870.26
Fixed Charges	1,485.97
Community Services	500.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	2,705.32
Programs with Other Districts & Private Schools	<u>4,500.00</u>
	\$205,103.59

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We dedicate this Annual School Committee Report to the memory of Edward E. Sheeran who faithfully served the Brimfield Elementary School as custodian and attendance officer for 27 years. His contribution to the town, school, teachers, students, and friends will never be forgotten.

Brimfield School Committee

Raymond R. Roberts, Chairman  
William F. Whitten  
Pia E. Sherman, Secretary

## FOURTH INTERIM REPORT OF THE BRIMFIELD SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

During the past year your building committee has met on many occasions to discuss the building problems of Brimfield.

A meeting was scheduled with Mr. William Black and Mr. John Hodgen of the School Building Assistance Commission to secure details concerning possible regionalization. The result of these meetings is that your committee has decided to wait for the proposed middle school and not to further discuss an addition to our local elementary school.

As a result of an immediate space need the building committee recommended the purchase of a portable classroom which was voted by the town. This classroom was delivered in late August and was ready for occupancy on the first day of school.

Many problems associated with the classroom might have been avoided. First, the class size is necessarily limited because of the actual square footage within the classroom. Second, a lack of understanding of heating controls resulted in a rather cold day, but this was corrected quickly. We now feel that although we have experienced minor problems, we now have a temporary functional space for our students.

Anticipating the need for new space until a middle school can be built, we now recommend consideration be given to the purchase or lease of another portable classroom for September of 1969.

We look forward to 1969 with the hope that a formal building proposal to solve our space problems may be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold E. Hitchcock, Chairman  
David Cheney, Secretary  
Ernest G. Roberts  
William F. Whitten  
Richard C. Allen

## REPORT OF THE BRIMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

I hereby submit my first annual report as Librarian of  
Brimfield Public Library.

1968 has been a busy and satisfying year for the Library. We had a total attendance of 4240. 1797 were adults, and 2443 juveniles. The juvenile figure includes classes from the Elementary School who came in groups with their teachers. 9320 titles were loaned, of which 5599 were adult and 3721 juvenile. 301 new books were added to our collection, 199 adult and 102 juvenile. Statistics are not at all the full measure of a Library's service to the community, but they do indicate both a continuing interest in, and growing use of your Library.

Mrs. Margaret Heipler and Mrs. Margery Williams have been trained in Library procedure and are available to assist the Librarian and to take her place when she is absent because of illness or vacation. Miss Sally Prescott works approximately two hours a week at the Library shelving returned books and processing new ones.

All Elementary School classes have visited the Library twice in the past year for the purpose of registering for library cards, listening to a story, and taking out books. In addition, the sixth grade is given instruction in the use of the card catalog and reference material. This work is all done outside of regular library hours. The fifth and sixth grades, with their teachers, have also been coming fairly regularly during open hours to browse and borrow books. During the year, the attendance from the Elementary School was 1016.

National Library Week was celebrated in April with an essay and poster contest for Elementary School children. Each room submitted four entries which were judged by a member of the Board of Library Trustees. The winning entries were displayed at the Library and each winner was awarded an appropriate certificate of merit.

Through the Central Massachusetts Regional Library at Worcester, of which Brimfield is a member library, we



are able to borrow books for individual needs - 59 titles being borrowed this year. Films also may be borrowed by groups. The Central Massachusetts Regional Library Book-mobile visits our Library every six weeks, and any number of books may be selected by the Librarian to add to our permanent collection - 266 titles being added this year in this way.

The Library has received many fine books as memorial gifts and the Garden Club once again made a beautiful wreath at Christmas time for the front door. We are very grateful for these thoughtful considerations.

A new service was added this year. We now have a collection of records which may be borrowed on the same basis as books. Through gifts from R. C. A. Victor and Columbia, the Library has about 130 records, both popular and classical. This has proved a popular addition. The records were put out for circulation in August, and since that time 157 have been borrowed. We hope to be able to add to this collection in years to come.

The Sherman Memorial Room continues to be used by many people for research purposes, and especially by children who are fascinated by the pictures of "Old Brimfield".

Two interesting collections are on display in the Memorial Room, one being a collection of English Royal Coronation China loaned by Mrs. Robert Streeter. The other is a collection of doll furniture and tea set dating to about 1895-1900 and loaned by Mrs. Sumner Parker, who had them as a little girl.

A permanent collection of documents, photographs and memorabilia of the immediate family of Miss Margaret Sherman has been given to the Library by her cousin Mrs. Dorothy Sumner. Several items from this collection have been arranged in the small display case near the entrance to the Sherman Room.

Important additions to the furnishings of the Sherman Room are three file cases for papers, pamphlets, and documents, and a glass covered display table. These are the generous gift of Mrs. Helen Boardman in memory of her aunt, Miss Lydia Hitchcock.

There has been a slight change in the hours in which the Library is open. They now are:

Wednesday and Saturday 1:30 - 5:30 and 7:30 - 9:00  
Thursday 1:30 - 5:30

The Library telephone number is 245-3518 and we urge you to phone for reference information or to renew books. Please note too, that the book slot in the front door may be used for returning books when the Library is not open.

I want to express my appreciation to the Library Trustees for their help and understanding. Many hours go into the work of administering a library of which, too often, the public is unaware. My thanks go also to Mrs. Robert Streeter, former Librarian for much valuable help and advice.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet T. Brown  
(Mrs. Richard J. Brown)  
Librarian

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Did You Know . . .

that in 1965 41.4% of Brimfield's population was under 20 ?  
46.4% of Brimfield's population was 20 to 64 ?  
12.2% of Brimfield's population was 65 or over ?

## REPORT OF THE TRI-TOWN RECREATION COMMITTEE

During the past year we held several meetings with members of the Holland and Wales Recreation Committee and with local parents interested in developing a fuller recreation program.

Our funds were used to furnish Red Cross Certified Swimming and Life Saving instruction and to purchase needed equipment for the Little League, Soccer and Girls' Softball teams.

This winter we have been checking areas which may be developed and used for safe winter recreation for our children, such as skating and sledding. At the time of this writing, the black-top basketball area behind the school has been banked with snow and is being flooded by the Fire Department--all on a volunteer basis. Some of our young people did this on their own and we are very gratified for their interest. It must be recognized that what we can accomplish as a Recreation Committee depends as much on the volunteer help and ideas we receive as the funds which the Town votes for our use. We would like to thank everyone who gave their help and support to us--the Beach Mothers during the swim program, and those who saw that team members were transported to and from games, also those who came to cheer our efforts.

Because of the heavy commitment of her time, Jean McGann felt it necessary to resign and Pat Guild was appointed to replace her. Jean has been of much help since this Committee was formed and we thank her for it. Pat is a teacher and has been helping with the Softball team during its two-year existence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne H. Dutka, Chairman  
Edward Ahern  
Patricia G. Guild

**REPORT OF  
TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE**

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth-Chapter 128- The Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture are empowered to receive, on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward helping to solve management problems, better living and better community service and have been ably assisted by hundreds of local volunteer leaders to this end.

A total expense of \$8.78 was incurred during the year for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects by the local leaders. The appropriation made by your town was used for only residents of the town.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

1968 Appropriation	\$ <u>25.00</u>
Total Expenditures in 1968	\$ <u>8.78</u>
Recommended Appropriation for 1969	<u>none</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees For County Aid  
To Agriculture

Albert H. Fuller, Clerk



**REPORT OF  
THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

As the exact location of proposed Route 20 bypass is not definitely known, it seemed inadvisable to have the so-called Fogg lot surveyed. This will be done as soon as the boundary limits are established.

The water distribution system was extended and new outlets installed.

General maintenance was financed substantially in whole from income from endowment funds, and this practice will be continued in 1969. The spring clean up of sand, stones, and other debris of winter along the main highway, sidewalk and drives was charged to the regular appropriation, and \$185.13 was returned as unexpended.

For the coming year, our request is for \$1,200.00, distributed as follows:

Spring and Fall Clean Up	\$200.00
Machinery	100.00
Grave Openings and Foundations	<u>900.00*</u>
	\$1,200.00

\*Returnable to Treasury

Respectfully submitted,

Cheney F. Newton,  
Chairman  
James A. Adams  
Everett D. Landen

## REPORT OF MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

This year was the 100th anniversary of Memorial Day. We were fortunate in having the services of the Tantasqua Regional High School Band at the program and parade. The band gave an excellent performance and it didn't cost us nearly as much as it would have if we had had to secure the services of a band from another source..

The Town Memorial Day Committee appreciates the cooperation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliary for participating in the Memorial Day program. We thank the American Legion for placing the flags on the cemetery prior to the program.

We were glad to have Rev. David Williams as our speaker. We wish to thank the Elementary School, the Kindergarten and the Mothers' Club for their cooperation in the program.

The Brimfield Boy Scouts cleaned up around the Town Hall after the program. We were grateful for their help and all the persons who gave their time.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Skowyra  
Margaret Gilman  
Barbara Keith  
Albert Gendreau  
Florence Gendreau

## **REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER**

To the Board of Selectmen  
Brimfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

During the year I have picked up and confined at my home for the required number of days 33 dogs, disposed of 40 dogs. 7 dogs were hit on the highway and 10 puppies were left beside the road and when people moved out of town.

I have investigated 14 complaints - 4 dogs destroying rabbits, 4 dogs barking at night and tipping over garbage cans, 2 dogs chasing child on bicycle, 1 dog eating chicken grain. 3 dogs have bitten children.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur J. Moreau  
Dog Officer

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL**

Fall inspection and creosoting of Gypsy Moth clusters has been completed. The number found was considerably less than in previous years.

23 Dutch Elm diseased trees were removed after cuttings had been made and a positive diagnosis made by the Shade Tree Laboratory at the University of Massachusetts. State law requires that the Town appropriate a certain amount for both Dutch Elm Disease and Gypsy Moth Control. At the present time, it would seem that the Elm Tree will go the way of the Chestnut.

Meanwhile, these trees located along the highways must be removed either in a diseased condition, or after they are dead. While in a diseased condition they are the responsibility of Insect Pest Control; after death, the Tree Warden and the Power Company.

Much progress has been made during the past year due to the cooperation of the Power Company and the Tree Warden, James A. Adams.

Respectfully submitted, Edward J. Killian  
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met soon after Town Meeting and organized with

Merrill Spear, Chairman  
William Cruess, Vice-Chairman  
William D. Spooner, Secretary

The Finance Committee has tried, as heretofore, to co-operate with the several town departments and wish to express continued appreciation for the cooperation we have received in return.

The amounts transferred during the year were:

\$1375.00	Veterans' Relief Fund
100.00	Moderator's Account
100.00	Town Clerk's Account
10.00	Certifying notes
107.00	Interest
150.00	Planning Board
150.00	Garage repairs
30.00	Police Department
750.00	Property Fire Insurance
50.00	Registrar's Account
.58	Chapter 90 Construction
1200.00	Repair Mack Truck
99.69	Fire Department
25.00	Town Counsel

Your Committee feels that the various departments, locally, have done their best to hold the line and not exceed their appropriations, but we have had considerable trouble with the director of Veterans' Relief, who seems to consider that the more he gives out, the better job he is doing.

Again we would thank the departments for bringing in itemized requests for their appropriations, as we are thereby much better equipped to pass on them.

In going over the Town Warrant, we find that, as usual most of the articles are routine, but there are some on which we consider it necessary to comment.

As this will be a particularly expensive year, taxwise we have tried to be unusually critical in passing on some-



items which we felt were unnecessary. In line with this we recommend against improving the street lighting at this time. We also thought that improving water holes and replacement of equipment could be delayed until there was a greater need.

Feeling that the time to change the by-laws is when the need arises, we disapproved the action called for under Article 25. The only argument advanced in favor of having these changes made at the annual town meeting was that there were more people out at the annual meeting. However, the greatest attendance ever at a town meeting in Brimfield occurred at a special meeting, therefore it seems evident that, if a matter is controversial, the voters will be there.

In considering Article 23, although premium figures are not available at the time this goes to press, we would bring two thoughts to the voters; first, that very few people from Brimfield would benefit thereby, and second, one clause of the law prohibits that it can EVER be repealed.

Due to the resignation of Mr. Spear, Mr. Gerald Guild was appointed to the Finance Committee, Mr. Cruess was named Chairman, and Mr. Bagster-Collins was elected Vice-Chairman.

As in previous years, we wish to express our thanks for the cooperation of the various departments and again to warn the taxpayers that, with the recurring great increase in the school budgets, which are so nearly out of our control, taxes are bound to be much higher again in 1969, thus any further increase in the appropriations will make those bills just that much higher.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

William Cruess, Chairman

Denzil Bagster-Collins, Vice  
Chairman

William D. Spooner, Secretary

David L. Cheney      Leo Lavigne

Noah D. Fountain      Eugene Roberts

Gerald Guild      Richard Souliere

# BUDGET FOR 1969

	Appro. 1968	Expended 1968	Req. 1969	Fin. Com. Rec. 1969
Moderator	\$ 95.00			
F.C. -----	100.00	\$ 188.75	--	\$ 75.00
Selectmen -----	3,500.00	3,280.00	3,000.00	2,300.00
Dog Warden -----	--	--	700.00	700.00
Town Accountant -----	1,350.00	1,275.00	1,350.00	1,300.00
Treasurer -----	1,398.00	1,165.48	1,300.00	1,300.00
Tax Collector -----	1,507.00	1,350.11	1,650.00	1,650.00
Assessors -----	2,250.00	2,211.80	2,250.00	2,250.00
Town Clerk	725.00			
F.C. -----	100.00	796.22	800.00	800.00
Finance Committee	75.00	66.30	100.00	100.00
Town Counsel & Legal Fees	2,500.00		Sal.	
F.C.	25.00	2,525.00	Exp.	500.00
Planning Board	300.00			
F.C. -----	150.00	417.68	100.00	100.00
Election & Registration	1,175.00			
F.C. -	50.00	1,224.76	700.00	700.00
Town Hall	2,600.00			
Painting -----	440.00	2,365.45	2,600.00	2,600.00
Constables Salaries -----	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Police	700.00			
F.C. -----	30.00	730.00	800.00	800.00
Fire Department	4,585.00			
F.C. -----	99.69	4,684.69	7,158.00	6,058.00

Tree Warden -----	\$	550.00	\$	549.60	\$	500.00
Insect Pest Control -----		785.71		783.30		840.00
Civil Defense -----		--		--		--
General Health & Care of Dump		2,200.00		1,414.01		2,209.00
General Highways -----		15,000.00		13,375.50		15,000.00
Chp. 81		2,560.00				
Cty. & State -----		17,600.00		20,159.92		2,560.00
Chap. 90		3,500.00				
Main Cty. & State -		7,000.00		10,499.96		5,750.00
Chap. 90		5,500.00				
Const.Cty. & State -		16,500.00		5,889.50		5,500.00
Street Lighting		2,639.00		2,588.92		2,649.00
Public Asst.		14,070.00				
Remitted -----		178.23		13,792.88		--
S.E.Hamp.Wel.Dist. -----		168.75		168.75		--
Veteran's Benefits		1,000.00				
F.C. ---		1,375.00		2,312.44		2,000.00
School, Elementary -----		166,753.60		164,922.96		205,103.59
Tantasqua R.H.S. -----		185,158.04		185,158.04		225,316.86
Library		1,760.00				
Dog Fund-----		1,030.10		3,114.53		4,060.00
State Aid -----		500.00				
Common -----		400.00		379.60		400.00
Property Insurance		2,700.00				
F.C. ---		750.00		3,185.70		4,000.00
Workmen's Compensation --		1,123.00		1,123.00		1,500.00
Town Reports -----		810.50		810.50		950.00
Memorial Day -----		300.00		248.40		400.00
Aid to Agriculture -----		25.00		25.00		--

County Retirement -----	\$	2,149.00	\$	2,149.00	\$	601.00
Cemeteries -----		1,900.00		1,864.11		1,200.00
Town Barn & Fire Station		{	Heat			
C.O.			& light	1,100.00		
F.C.			Main.	400.00		1,500.00
Recreation Com. -----		300.00		284.97		400.00
Interest		483.00				
F.C. -----		150.00				
		300.00				
		3,000.00				
		107.00		3,107.00		5,000.00
Certifying notes		20.00				
F.C. -----		10.00		30.00		30.00
Reserve Fund		7,500.00		4,147.27		7,500.00



## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VOTERS

The following question, which for purposes of clarity has been abbreviated by deleting reference to governmental units other than towns, will appear on the ballot for the annual town election, March 3, 1969:

"Shall certain provisions of chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws, authorizing any . . . . town . . . . to provide a plan of contributory group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical and other health insurance for certain persons in the service of such . . . . town . . . . and their dependents, be accepted by this town?

YES	
NO	

This chapter would permit the town to contribute 50% of the cost of \$2000 life and \$2000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance, hospital, surgical, medical and other health insurance for town employees and their dependents, (employed, appointed or elected) who receive compensation for their services, and who work no less than 20 hours per week, with the exception of elected personnel, who would be covered for their term of office, regardless of the number of hours worked.

Any insurance plan of this type must be approved by the Group Insurance Commission, Boston, and no plan may be provided in which benefits exceed those provided by the State for its employees. Two towns in the same county may jointly negotiate for and purchase such insurance. Fifty percent of the premium charge would be withheld from salary by the Town Treasurer, who would pay the insurance company. Upon retirement, employees could elect to continue the policies at their own expense.

The General Laws further state as follows:

"If a majority of the voters voting on the question shall vote in the affirmative, this chapter, except sections 7A, 8A, 9A, 9C, 9D, 9E, 11A, 11B, and 11D shall take effect in such town.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law to the contrary, neither the acceptance of this chapter, nor the acceptance of any individual section thereof by a governmental unit shall be revoked or rescinded."

The question on the ballot covers the basic plan only, and the excepted sections refer to additional benefits which may be provided only upon acceptance of the individual sections by the town by voting on a question pertaining thereto on a town election ballot.

This subject was submitted by the school committee. At the time of this printing, the number who would desire the coverage and the cost to the town are not known. In 1968 the Town of Warren paid approximately \$4600 to cover 33 employees, some of whom carried the family plan, at a cost to Warren of \$17.87 per month for each family plan, and \$7.15 per month for each individual plan. Cost per policy would probably depend somewhat on the number enrolled in the plan, with a higher per policy cost for a lower enrollment.

**TOWN WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Hampden, ss

To the Town Clerk of Brimfield, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday, the THIRD day of MARCH, 1969, at twelve (12) o'clock noon, to act on the following:

Article 1. To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following town officers: A Moderator for one year; a Tax Collector for one year; three Selectmen for one year each; one Assessor for three years; one School Committee member for three years; one School Committee member for two years; two Tantasqua Regional District School Committee members for three years each; one Board of Public Health member for three years; one Board of Public Health member for one year; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; two Library Trustees for three years each; one Tree Warden for one year; one Trustee of the Harriet Harding Fund for three years; one Planning Board member for five years; one Lincoln Library Fund Trustee for three years; also to vote "Yes" or "No" on any questions which may appear on said ballot.

The polls will open at twelve (12) o'clock noon and will close at eight (8) o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered after 8: P.M.

Article 2. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Article 3. To see what salaries the Town will allow its officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund, together with a sum of money to be raised by taxation to



purchase compensation insurance for town employees.

Article 5. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1969, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 17, of the General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursements of allotments made by the State and County for highways, including bridges.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale, by posting such notice in some convenient public place of the Town, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town upon Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Selectmen, or whomever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for Civil Defense, to be administered by the Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$5750.00) for maintenance under Chapter 90, to be used with the sums allotted by the State and County for the purpose.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, (\$5500.00) for Chapter 90 Construction to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State and County, or both, for the purpose.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Ac-



count for the maintenance and care of Town Machinery for the coming year.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2000.00 or any other sum, to apply toward the retirement of the loan for the purchase of the loader, authorized by vote of the Town at a special town meeting on April 15, 1968, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to improve existing street lighting on Church Street and Brookfield Rd., at Route 20 intersection by removing the existing 1000-lumen lamp and installing one 7000-lumen MV lamp in front of the Hitchcock Academy Parking Lot and the removal of the 1000-lumen lamp on Pole #1 on the Brookfield Rd., and the installation of a 7000-lumen MV lamp in its place, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to improve the existing street lighting on Route 20 between St. Christopher's Church and the Holland Rd. by removing four 1000-lumen old incandescent street lights, and installing one 7000-lumen MV lamp and three 3500-lumen MV lamps in their place, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to apply toward the retirement of the loan of \$11,496.00 for the purchase of a new fire truck authorized by vote of the Town at the annual Town Meeting March 4, 1968, or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will appropriate, for the use of the Library, the \$500.00 State Aid for the year 1969, to be paid to the Town by the State for that purpose.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purchase and installation of one portable classroom at the Brimfield Elementary School, or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$90.00 in the Cemetery Lot Account, received from the sale of cemetery lots, to the Cemetery Improvement Account.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for payment for the prop-

erty presently owned by Helen Boardman, known as the former Lydia Hitchcock property, in accordance with agreement signed by said Helen Boardman and the Selectmen of the Town of Brimfield on November 26, 1968, or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to cover taxes assessed for the period between August 10, 1968 and December 31, 1968 and to date of payment for the property presently owned by Helen Boardman, known as the former Lydia Hitchcock property, in accordance with agreement signed by said Helen Boardman and the Selectmen of the Town of Brimfield on November 26, 1968, or take any other action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 149, Section 1781 as amended by Chapter 633 of the Acts of 1968, to designate an attorney as a representative of the school committee for the purpose of bargaining with employee organizations for school employees, or take any other action relating to the same.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to provide for contribution of 50% toward the payment of a plan of group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance and group general or blanket hospital, surgical and medical insurance for certain persons in the service of the Town, the Massachusetts Municipal Employees Insurance Plan being requested, in the event certain provisions of Chapter 32-B are accepted by the Town, in accordance with the question appearing on the ballot for this March, 1969 Town Election, or take any other action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sec. 96, 96A, 97A, and 98 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws providing for the establishment of a police department by the Board of Selectmen, said police department to be under the supervision of a chief of police appointed by the selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5 of Article I of the Town of Brimfield General By-laws, by deleting the words "any town meeting" and inserting in place thereof "at annual town meetings only", the section thereby reading:

"Any or all of these by-laws may be repealed or amended or other by-laws may be adopted at annual town meetings only, an article or articles for that purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting by the Selectmen."

or take any other action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6 of Article I of the Town of Brimfield General By-laws by deleting the word "twenty" and inserting in place thereof the word "fifty", the section thereby reading:

"Whoever violates any of the provisions of these by-laws whereby any act or thing is enjoined or prohibited, shall, unless other provision is expressly made, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense."

or take any other action thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7 of Article II of the Town of Brimfield General By-laws, by deleting the word "meeting" and inserting the word "election", and adding to the end of the sentence the words "and the annual business and appropriations meeting shall be held on the 2nd Monday in March" the section thereby reading:

"The annual town election shall be held on the first Monday of March in each year, and the annual business and appropriations meeting shall be held on the second Monday in March."

or take any other action thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 9 of Article II of the Town of Brimfield General By-laws by deleting the words "three selectmen for one year each" and inserting in place thereof the words, "three selectmen for three years each, one to be elected annually," the section thereby reading in part as follows:

"The officers of the Town to be elected at the annual election in the years in which the terms of the incumbents expire, with their terms of office, shall be as follows: A Moderator for one year; three selectmen for three years each, one to be elected annually; a Town .....etc."

or take any other action thereon.



Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to elect, at the annual town elections in March 1970, one selectman for three years, one selectman for two years and one selectman for one year; thereafter in every year in which the term of a selectman expires, one selectman shall be elected for a three year term.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 44 of Article VII of the Town of Brimfield By-laws by inserting after the words "town offices" the words, "or in their respective offices at home", and delete the words, "and shall not be removed therefrom", the section thereby reading in part as follows:

"All officers, boards and committees of the Town shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books. Said books shall be kept in their respective places in the town offices or in their respective offices at home. Said books shall, unless otherwise.....etc."

or take any other action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VII of the Town of Brimfield General By-laws by adding the following section:

"Section 48. The Selectmen shall annually appoint a by-law committee of three to review the town by-laws and to suggest such changes or additions as they find in order to the Board of Selectmen on or before December 31st of each year, their report to be considered at the annual town meeting."

or take any other action thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Town By-laws by adding the following Article:

## ARTICLE XI

### UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE BY-LAW

Section 1. No more than one unregistered motor vehicle, assembled or disassembled, shall be kept, stored or allowed to remain on a parcel of land except by a person duly licensed under General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 59 and except as provided in Section 2 of this by-law.

Section 2. The Board of Selectmen may issue a permit to keep, store or allow two or more of such ve-



hicles to remain on a parcel of land after said Board has held a public hearing thereon, first causing notice of the time, place and subject matter of such hearing to be given, at the expense of the applicant, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation, at least ten days in advance of the date of the hearing. Said Board shall not issue such a permit unless it finds that the presence of such vehicles on such parcel (1) will not nullify or substantially derogate from the intent or purpose of this by-law, (2) will not constitute a nuisance and (3) will not adversely affect the neighborhood in which such parcel is situated.

Section 3. Each such permit shall (1) specify the maximum number of such vehicles that may be kept, stored or allowed to remain on such parcel, (2) be limited to a reasonable period of time and (3) be a personal privilege of the applicant and not a grant attached to and running with the land.

Section 4. This by-law shall not apply to vehicles which are (1) stored within an enclosed building, or (2) designed and used as vehicles for farming, agricultural or construction purposes.

Section 5. Any person who continues to violate the provisions of this by-law after 30 days following receipt by him of written notice of such violation from the Board of Selectmen shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence. Each day that any violation is allowed to continue after said thirty day period shall constitute a separate offence.

or take any other action thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay 1968 bills outstanding after January 10, 1969.

Article 34. To raise and appropriate money for the support of various departments and activities of the Town, payment of debts and defraying of expenses of the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies

thereof in at least three public places in the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 5th day of February, 1969.

A true Copy, Attest

Richard C. Allen

Juliane L. Spooner  
Town Clerk

Richard J. Erban  
Selectmen of Brimfield

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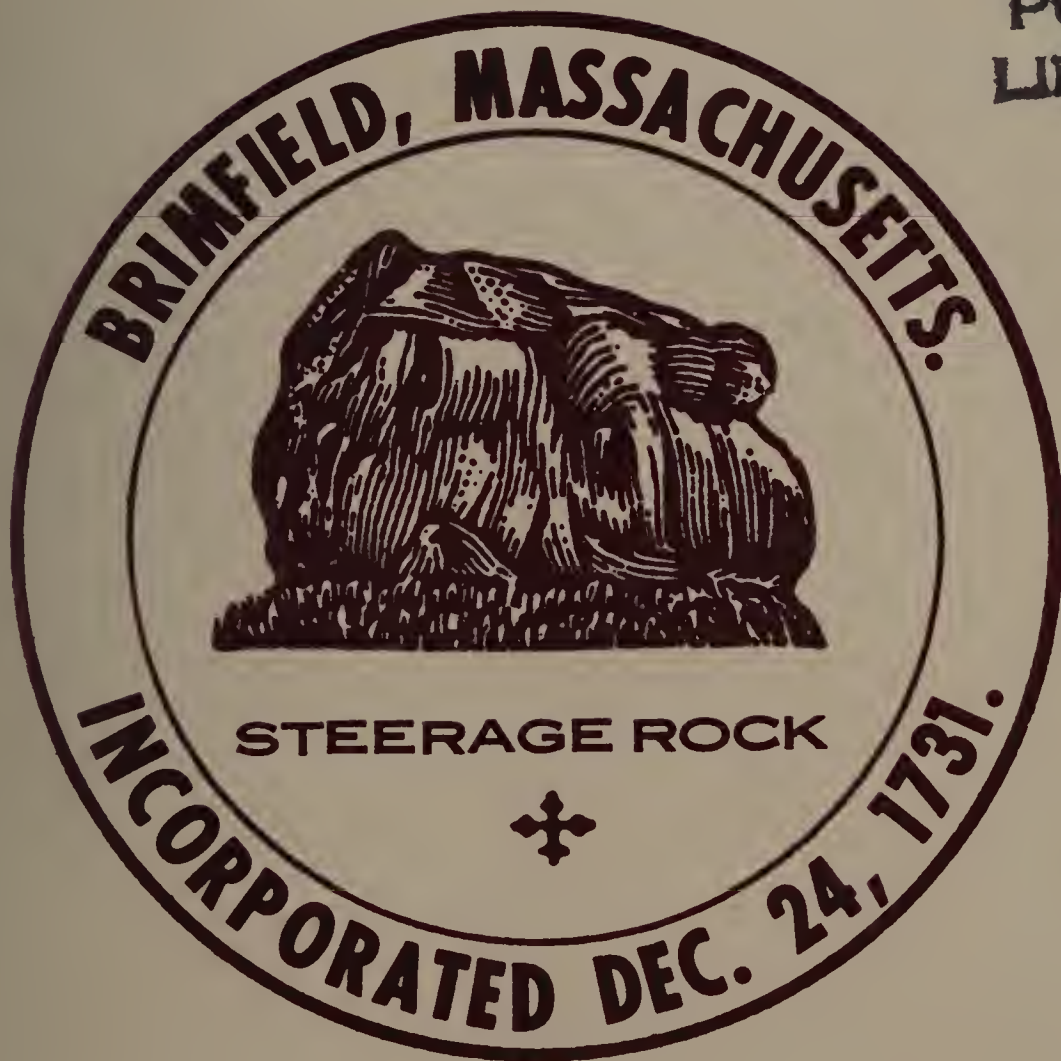
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# ANNUAL REPORT

to the

# TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

BRIMFIELD  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY



Including Receipts and Expenditures  
for the  
**Year Ending December 31, 1969**

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#### **FOREWORD**

The residents of Brimfield are encouraged to read, study and question this Annual Report for 1969, reflecting the activities, growth and progress of the Town. They are invited to call upon town officers and departments for any further information desired.

## GOVERNMENTAL INFORMATION

Brimfield is included in the:

Second Congressional District  
Seventh Councillor District  
Worcester - Hampden - Hampshire Senatorial District  
First Hampden Representative District

U. S. Senators are:

Edward T. Kennedy, Boston  
Edward W. Brooke, Newton

Congressman, 2nd District is:

Edward P. Boland, Springfield

State Senator is:

Philip A. Quinn, Spencer

Representative to General Court is:

Alexander Lolas, Monson

County Commissioners are:

William F. Stapleton, Holyoke  
Stephen A. Moynahan, Longmeadow  
Lloyd W. Fradet, Springfield

Democratic Town Committee:

Margaret L. Gilman, Chairman  
Ann Stanley, Secretary  
Neil Haley, Treasurer

Republican Town Committee:

Stephen McNamara, Chairman  
Lester E. Dutka, Secretary - Treasurer

Population	1,644
Voters	877
Republicans	206
Democrats	179
Independents	492



# TOWN OFFICERS - 1969

## Town Clerk

	Term Expires
Juliane L. Spooner .....	1970

## Moderator

Robert L. Roy .....	1970
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## Treasurer

Clarence H. Keith .....	1970
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## Tax Collector

Barbara W. Keith .....	1970
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## Selectmen

Richard J. Erban .....	1970
Richard C. Allen .....	1970
Alice M. Adams .....	1970

## Assessors

Charles W. Sherman .....	1972
John M. Haley .....	1971
Andrew W. Gondek .....	1970

## School Committee

John O. Curtis .....	1972
Teresa Van Wagner .....	1971
William Whitten .....	1970

## Tantasqua Regional District School Committee

Arnold R. Beaton .....	1972
Johnstone Prescott .....	1972

## Board of Public Health

John L. Sherman .....	1972
Theodore Steensen .....	1971
Alice B. Matheson .....	1970

## Cemetery Commission

Everett D. Landen .....	1972
James A. Adams .....	1971
Cheney F. Newton .....	1970

### Library Trustees

John O. Curtis .....	1972
Bertha Osterheld .....	1972
Lester W. Parker .....	1971
Ethel E. Spooner .....	1971
Olive D. Weston .....	1970
Roger W. Bennett .....	1970

### Tree Warden

James A. Adams .....	1970
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### Constables

Robert J. Cutler .....	1971
Arthur J. Moreau .....	1971
William Roberts .....	1971
John H. Stanton .....	1971
Brian N. Haley .....	1971

### Trustees – Harriet Harding Fund

Alfred Wigglesworth .....	1972
Fenton A. Hastings .....	1971
Edward J. Killian .....	1970

### Planning Board

Louis Flowers .....	1974
Donald Spear .....	1973
Roger G. Sullivan .....	1972
Ernest G. Roberts, Resigned .....	1971
William Roberts.....	appointed to March 1970
Theodore L. Steensen .....	1970

### Trustees – Lincoln Library Fund

Cheney F. Newton .....	1972
Everett D. Landen .....	1971
Roger W. Bennett .....	1970

# APPOINTIVE TOWN OFFICERS - 1969

## Town Accountant

Joseph Dmuchovsky ..... 1972

## Chief, Fire Dept. & Forest Warden

Robert L. Hanna ..... 1970

## Inspector of Animals

Daniel H. Wells, Jr. .... 1970

## Inspector of Slaughtering

Daniel H. Wells, Jr. .... 1970

## Superintendent of Streets

Daniel H. Wells, Jr., Resigned  
James A. Adams, Jr. .... 1970

## Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Edward J. Killian ..... 1970

## Agent, Board of Health

Lyman Stanton (for inspections) ..... 1970

Marylou Antonovitch, R. N. .... 1970

## Veteran's Agent

Richard N. Bilodeau ..... 1970

## Community Service Board

Carolyn Van Brocklyn ..... 1970

## Measurer of Wood and Bark

J. Frederick Lawrence ..... 1970

## Dog Officer

Arthur J. Moreau ..... 1970

## Field Drivers

Brian Haley ..... 1970

Neil Stalker ..... 1970

Fenton Hastings ..... 1970

## Fence Viewers

Brian Haley ..... 1970

Franklin Smith ..... 1970

Neil Stalker ..... 1970

## Town Council

E. Donald Riddle ..... 1970

### Finance Committee

William J. Cruess .....	1972
Eugene Roberts .....	1972
David L. Cheney .....	1972
Leo E. Lavigne .....	1971
Noah D. Fountain .....	1971
Richard Souliere .....	1971
Gerald Guild .....	1970
William Spooner .....	1970
Denzil Bogster-Collins, Deceased .....	1970
Harold E. Hitchcock .....	appointed to March 1970

### Jury List

Theodore Closson .....	1972
Real Poirier .....	1972
John F. T. Collins .....	1972
Frederick T. Prentiss .....	1971
Robert Christo .....	1971
Robert MacConnell, Jr. ....	1971
Arnold Beaton .....	1971
George C. Gross .....	1971
George Mitchell .....	1971
Donald M. Spear, Ernest Blake .....	drawn during 1969

### Registrars

Margaret V. McIntyre .....	1972
Margaret Gilman .....	1971
Shirley (Nichols) Thompson, Resigned .....	1970
Grace Stuart .....	appointed to March 1970

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Lester Dutka .....	1972
Theodore W. Skowyra .....	1971
Wayne Barr .....	1970

### Associate Members

George C. Gross .....	1971
Llewellyn B. Norton .....	1970

### Building Inspector & Zoning Officer

Stephen McNomara .....	1970
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### Civil Defense Director

C. Kenneth Silvius .....	1970
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### Tri-Town Recreation Committee

Anne H. Dutka .....	1970
Patricia Guild .....	1970
Edward J. Ahern .....	1970

### Planning Board – Board of Appeals

Francis L. Henderson .....	1972
D. Walker Cheney .....	1971
Cheney F. Newton .....	1970

### Associate Members

Stanley Vaill .....	1971
Lester H. Sheldon .....	1970

### School Building Needs Committee

William Hall .....	1970
Robert Van Brocklyn .....	1970
Frederick Prentiss .....	1970
John O. Curtis .....	1970
William Whitten .....	1970

(Committee appointed by School Committee to replace School Building Committee which was dissolved at Town Meeting, March 1969)

### Memorial Day Committee

Albert Gendreau .....	1970
Florence Gendreau .....	1970
Margaret Gilman .....	1970
Barbara Keith .....	1970
Theodore W. Skowyra .....	1970

### By-Law Committee

Theodore W. Skowyra .....	1970
George B. Adams .....	1970
Andrew W. Gondek .....	1970

### Caretaker at Dump

Lyman Stanton .....	1970
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### Gas Inspector

Merritt Hyatt .....	1970
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R.F.D. 1, Palmer, Massachusetts

### Caretaker at Common

L. Victor Howlett .....	1970
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REPORT OF  
THE TOWN CLERK

Licenses issued for the Division of Fisheries and Game:

- 146 Resident Fishing
- 77 Resident Hunting
- 85 Resident Sporting
- 31 Resident Minor Fishing
- 34 Resident Female Fishing
- 1 Resident Citizen Trapping
- 9 Special Non-Resident Fishing
- 10 Non-Resident Fishing
- 1 Alien Fishing
- 4 Non-Resident Hunting
- 8 Duplicate licenses
- 14 Archery Stamps
- 27 Resident Sporting (Free)
- 16 Military Sporting (Free)
- 1 Resident Blind (Free)

DOGS LICENSED

157 Male @ \$2.00	\$314.00
47 Female @ \$5.00	235.00
90 Spayed Female @ \$2.00	180.00
12 Kennels @ \$10.00	120.00
1 Kennel @ \$50.00	50.00
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	\$899.00
Less Clerk's Fees - 307 @ 25¢	76.75
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Balance paid to Treasurer	\$822.25

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF DOG LAWS:

The owner or keeper of any dog three months old or over must have said dog licensed. Licenses are due and payable on or before March 31st of each year. Whoever violates the provisions of the dog laws shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$15.00.

BIRTHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<u>1968</u>		
December		
9	James George Gerrish	Willis Gerrish and Dorothy L. Hendry
13	Lucinda Marie Cook	Lucius J. Cook Marjorie A. Hany
14	Thomas James Buckley	James R. Buckley and Lorraine M. Mullen
18	Kathy Anne Jalbert	Roger R. Jalbert and Beverly J. Whitten
18	Karen Anne Jalbert	Roger R. Jalbert and Beverly J. Whitten
28	David Allen Lavoie	Louis H. Lavoie and Lorraine I. Huntley
<u>1969</u>		
January		
5	Sharon Louise Morin	Gerard J. Morin and Janelle N. Odiorne
18	Robert Joseph Sturtevant	Robert J. Sturtevant and Diane Leona Lavoie
February		
8	Carl Leonard Stearns	Lawrence P. Stearns and Susan J. Clark
19	Timothy Scott Hawkins	Thomas B. Hawkins and Judith A. Freeman
March		
14	James Robert Phifer	Robert J. Phifer and Beverly A. Hatch
April		
18	Jennifer Dawn Williams	David C. Williams and Margery L. Coombs
19	Heather Ann Sherman	Charles W. Sherman and Grace A. DelGreco

May

6	Richard Phillip Surprenant, Jr.	Richard P. Surprenant and Elaine M. Loranger
13	Tonya May Hicks	Roland M. Hicks and Norma L. Waite
15	Ellen Morine Cheney	David L. Cheney and Vickie S. Machesney
30	Greg Allen Turenne	Henry Turenne and Doreen C. Atherton

June

8	Michelle Ann Ross	Lucien W. Ross and Sandra A. Cote
20	Sheryl Lynn Moreau	Wayne P. Moreau and Mary E. Thompson

July

19	Roderick Patrick Murphy, Jr.	Roderick P. Murphy, Sr. and Jean M. Michaud
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September

1	Donald Lindsay Chambers	Norman L. Chambers and Ella M. Cave
27	Monique Michelle Moreau	Ronald A. Moreau and Carol A. Armstrong

November

1	David Robert Plourde	Robert D. Plourde and Kathleen M. Calvanese
7	Tracy Michelle Bolduc	Donald H. Boldue and Nancy A. Hicks

December

6	Ronald A. Tetreault, Jr.	Ronald A. Tetreault and Mae Zagraniczny
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### DEATHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>Days</u>
<u>1968</u>				
December				
8	Samuel Otis Ormsbee	72	9	14



1969

## January

23	Lester C. Ramsey	54	9	18
24	Lizzie (Drechsler) Nelson	78	9	12

## February

16	Frederick D. Verillo	69	11	20
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## March

7	John Henry Gardiner	67	4	28
15	Dorothy G. (Shepard) Hermanson	51	4	28

## April

3	George T. Charland	73	1	2
11	Annie M. (Toner) Wyatt	88	0	23
20	John C. Scammell	87		

## May

24	Anna J. (MacIntyre) Dewey	73	6	22
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## July

15	Marie Bernadette Brazeau	88	8	17
17	Lizzie (Bolton) Morton	95	10	21

## August

1	Donald Girouard	31	0	8
31	Charles W. Fournier	69	9	3

## September

6	Jesse Gay Odiorne	81	4	13
29	Monique Michelle Moreau			2
29	Ralph Wakeley Mitchell	75	2	25

## November

26	Christine M. Cahill	18	10	6
26	Dennis Lee Campbell	19	6	4

## December

3	Violet G. (Wunsch) Loux	62	4	0
17	Matilda (Roy) Langevin	86	10	29
26	Alice (McDermott) Wayne	76		

# MARRIAGES RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
January				
5	Daniel R. Palmerino	Southbridge	June E. LaBerge	Brimfield
24	Bernard Samek, Jr.	Brimfield	Mary S. De smond	Brookfield
February				
15	Francis J. Sullivan, Jr.	Palmer	Judith L. Metcalf	Brimfield
15	Robert D. Plourde	Brimfield	Kathleen M. Calvanese	Brimfield
15	Louis O. Parrettie	Southbridge	Alice J. Samek	Brimfield
22	Anthony DeGioia	Sparkill, N.Y.	Jean E. Jensen	Nanuet, N.Y.
March				
20	Andrew B. Cadieux	Brimfield	Patricia G. Lucier	Pomfret Ctr. Conn.
22	Kenneth A. Forkey	Brimfield	Susan G. LaFreniere	Wilbraham, Mass.
22	Donald H. Bolduc	Wales	Nancy A. Hicks	Brimfield
29	Bruce G. Lindsay	Brimfield	Denise L. Suprenant	Sturbridge
April				
26	Paul J. Dion	Springfield	Barbara A. Fredette	Brimfield
May				
3	Richard W. Darlow	Westboro, Mass.	Lillian S. Shepherd	Warren
30	Mario O. Tavarez	Palmer	Marsha L. Ballard	Brimfield
June				
14	Dennis I. Galliher	Southbridge	Camilla E. Bell	Southbridge
21	Raymond R. Shugart	Brimfield	LaVerne V. Dorval	Palmer
21	David M.H. Stanley	Brimfield	Catherine M. Farr	Sturbridge

July				
4	Ronald A. Desourdy	Southbridge	Marsha J. Wood	Southbridge
12	Robert G. O'Connor, Jr.	Brimfield	Charlotte V. Soucy	Millbury
26	Clayton E. Lamoy, Jr.	Palmer	Delema R. Tiraboschi	Brimfield
26	Daniel J. Sammon, Jr.	Palmer	Barbara J. McGann	Brimfield
August				
16	Edmund J. Nocera, Jr.	Middletown , Conn.	Mary E. Sweeney	Brimfield
16	Robert F. Sutherland	New Lebanon, NY	Susan E. Spooner	Brimfield
September				
13	Samuel E. Boyd	Holland	Lois A. Martin	Brimfield
26	Joseph E. Broughton, Jr.	E. Brookfield	Evelyn L. I. Pickett	W. Brookfield
October				
4	Alvin F. Williams	Holland	Catherine M. Cotter	Springfield
18	Richard N. Sullivan	Brimfield	Patricia L. Feraco	Brookfield
November				
1	Warren A. Bren	Monson	Kathryn A. Monette	Brimfield
8	Russell G. Baker	Palmer	Linda A. Therrien	Brimfield
15	Rangnar E. Hermanson	Brimfield	Phyllis E. Sherman	Ludlow
29	Charles F. Leveille	Monson	Beatrice M. Pelletier	Brimfield
December				
27	Thomas R. Bisesti	Springfield	Elaine M. Manchester	Brimfield

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, March 3, 1969

- Article 1. Elected Officers
- Article 2. Accepted reports of the Town Officers with amendment that 4th interim report of the School Building Committee be accepted as the final report of that committee.
- Article 3. Voted that officers salaries remain the same as 1968, except that Board of Health receive no salary, at their own request.
- Article 4. Voted to appropriate \$1343 for compensation insurance, \$715.16 to be taken from the compensation insurance fund, and the balance \$627.84 to be raised by taxation.
- Article 5. Voted to turn the Dog Fund (\$505.89) over to library.
- Article 6. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of revenue.
- Article 7. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursements.
- Article 8. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell by auction land taken upon Tax Title Procedure.
- Article 9. Voted to make no appropriation for Civil Defense as department does not need it.
- Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate \$5750 for Chapter 90 Maintenance.
- Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate \$5500 for Chapter 90 Construction.
- Article 12. Voted to transfer \$6,319.80 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.
- Article 13. Voted to retire the loan on the loader, \$3000 to be taken from the Machinery Fund and the balance, \$3977.00 be raised by taxation.



- Article 14. Voted to make no improvement in street lighting on Church St. and Brookfield Rd.
- Article 15. Voted to make no improvement in street lighting between St. Christopher's Church and the Holland Rd.
- Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2874.00 to reduce the note on the fire truck to \$8622.00.
- Article 17. Voted to appropriate the \$500. received from State Aid to Libraries for the library.
- Article 18. Voted to appropriate no money for the purchase and installation of another portable classroom at the Elementary School.
- Article 19. Voted to transfer \$90.00 in the Cemetery Lot Account to the Cemetery Improvement Account.
- Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the purchase of the former Lydia Hitchcock property.
- Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate \$331.50 to cover taxes on the former Lydia Hitchcock property from August 10th to Dec. 31st 1968.
- Article 22. Voted to authorize the School Committee to employ bargaining counsel if they so desire.
- Article 23. Voted to lay the matter of 50% contribution for group insurance for town employees on the table indefinitely.
- Article 24. Voted to accept the provisions of Sec. 96, 96A, 97 and 98 of Chap. 41 which permit the establishment of a police department and the appointment of a Chief of Police by the Bd. of Selectmen.
- Article 25. Voted not to adopt an amendment to permit the by-laws to be changed or adopted at annual town meetings only.
- Article 26. Voted to amend Section 6 of Article I of the Town By - Laws by changing the fine from \$20.00 to \$50.00.

- Article 27. Voted to amend Section 7 of Article II of the Town By-laws to hold the annual business and appropriations meeting on the first Monday in March, at 7:00 P.M. and the election of officers on the second Monday in March.
- Article 28. Voted not to change the term of selectmen from one year to three years.
- Article 29. No action taken on article 29 since its purpose was to implement Article 28, which was defeated, hence no need for article 29.
- Article 30. Voted to amend section 44 of Article VII of the Town By-laws to permit officers books to be kept in their offices at home.
- Article 31. Voted not to establish a permanent by-law committee.
- Article 32. Voted to adopt Article XI of the Town of Brimfield By - laws dealing with unregistered motor vehicles. (Text appears in By-laws, quoted elsewhere in this Town Report)

(Note - By-law changes under Articles 26, 27, 30 & 32 approved by Atty. General on April 18, 1969)

- Article 33. Voted to pay any authorized outstanding bills for 1968.
- Article 34. Voted the amounts itemized in the budget, except that Town Accountant be \$1350; General Highways \$18,000; Town reports \$869.34; Board of Health \$2200; increased Fire Department by \$150 to \$6,208 to cover salary increase for fire chief, and property insurance increased by \$100. to cover insurance on the Hitchcock property.
- Article 35. Voted that no money be appropriated for the stabilization fund.

#### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - May 27, 1969

- Article 1. Voted to appropriate \$3662.12 of Chapter 616 Funds of the Acts of 1967 for reconstruction of 400 feet of the W. Brimfield-Palmer Rd.

- Article 2. Voted to rescind the unused, unissued balance of the Highway Loader Purchase Account Loan, amounting to \$3023.
- Article 3. Voted to rescind the unused, unissued balance of the Fire Truck Purchase Account Loan, amounting to \$4.00.
- Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for expenses of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Article 5. Voted to have the dump open on Legal Holidays as well as Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, and such other times as the Board of Health may deem necessary.
- Article 6. Voted to establish a Development and Industrial Commission of five members under the provisions of Sec. 8A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

#### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - September 8, 1969

- Article 1. Voted to approve the proposed amendment to the Tantasqua Regional District School Agreement concerning a middle school.
- Article 2. Voted to approve a debt of \$250,000 for initial costs in connection with a middle school.  
(Note - Holland, Wales and Brookfield did not approve)
- Article 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell the 1964 Ford truck, either at public auction or by sealed bid.
- Article 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell the former Lydia Hitchcock property, either at public auction or by sealed bid.
- Article 5. Voted to amend the zoning by-law by including "family camping area" under permitted use by the Board of Appeals in residential-agricultural zone. (Note: Amendment approved by the Attorney General on September 24, 1969)



## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - November 17, 1969

- Article 1. Voted that the Town does not approve the proposed amendment to the Tantasqua Regional District School Agreement concerning a middle school.
- Article 2. Voted to transfer \$6,936.28 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.
- Article 3. Voted that no action be taken on the purchase of a new truck since funds are not available.

The foregoing information concerning town meetings is an abstract only, and does not reflect the exact wording of the official records.

Juliane L. Spooner,  
Town Clerk



1969 FORD ECONOLINE AMBULANCE  
PURCHASED ENTIRELY WITH BRIMFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The following consists of some of the major items of importance that the Board of Selectmen have dealt with during the past year. It is not possible in this type of report to include all of the items that cross the desk of the Selectmen...many of which probably should be brought to the attention of the voters.

Early in the year it became necessary to assist the Tax Collector with the task of collecting outstanding taxes amounting to just under \$120,000.00. To this end Mr. Norman Jeffrey was appointed a deputy tax collector and a town constable. Tax collection has improved to the point that the Treasurer has been able to invest in Treasury Bonds and accrue interest in excess of \$1500.00 on these bonds. The Selectmen wish to remind everyone of the need to pay taxes promptly to avoid the cost of having to borrow money, especially at the current high interest rates.

The Selectmen wish to thank the town departments for their cooperation in holding their meetings in the Town Hall and making themselves more available to people in need of their services. The schedule of these meetings appears elsewhere in this annual report.

Mr. Stephen McNamara was appointed to the position of Building Inspector and Zoning Officer. Mr. McNamara has put in many hours and has attempted to do a difficult job during the early stages of dealing with this by-law. Residents are urged to contact the building inspector if they are in doubt as to the need of a building permit and to refer to their copy of that by-law before beginning on building or land use changes.

Accident insurance has been modernized for the fire department and theft insurance provided for the elementary school. Fire insurance on the Hitchcock property was also obtained.

Mr. Daniel H. Wells was appointed Superintendent of Streets to replace Mr. Harold E. Hitchcock who was declared in conflict of interest by town counsel and there-

fore declined to be re-appointed in order to be able to sell material and rent equipment to the town. Mr. Wells resigned the position in December and was replaced first by Mr. John Sherman and then after two weeks by Mr. James Adams. We thank all of these people for helping with a difficult job.

The Chapter 616 drainage project was continued but not finished as we had hoped it would be. Increased costs prevented the W. Brimfield project from further progress. It is hoped this project can be completed in 1970.

The Hollow Rd. Chapter 90 Construction project hit several serious snags. Obtaining easements from the State Dept. of Natural Resources took just over one full year. Land damage requests from abutters appear on the warrant for this annual meeting. The improvement of roads is essential in many areas of town, and it is essential that abutters and voters act to allow the early completion of these projects. State and County approval of these projects depends upon the filing of easements with the proper authorities.

The dam at Sherman Lake has been rebuilt. The Mill Pond dam has been opened and closed several times due to flooding caused by snow melt last Spring and by a population explosion among beaver this Fall. The beaver finally had to be dynamited by Fish and Game Authorities.

The insurance inspectors instigated repairs to the front stairs of the Town Hall that includes a new center hand-rail and other minor changes.

Under the Zoning By-law legal action was taken to enforce the trailer provisions of that by-law. These litigations may occur from time to time and the cost can not be predicted in advance. These costs are in addition to any fee we pay for Town Counsel services, as a retainer.

The Selectmen urge the adoption of separate budget accounts for both the Building Inspector and the Zoning Board of Appeals so that these departments may function and so that the costs will be reflected in the Town Report.

The Town has purchased the Hitchcock property immediately to the east of the Town Hall. The total cost to the town including missed taxes, insurance, legal fees,

survey and advertising costs is about \$24,500. The Selectmen asked for sealed bids to sell the house and about one acre of land. The following bids were opened on October 6th.

1. C.R. Hitchcock, Southbridge	\$17,508.08
2. John Ozut, Brimfield	15,101.00
3. Frank McKelvey, Jr., Brimfield	10,600.00
4. Leroy F. Patnaude, Springfield	6,900.00

The highest bid was accepted and a 20% down payment of \$3500.00 was deposited.

William F. Roberts was appointed to the Planning Board to replace Mr. Ernest G. Roberts who resigned.

On May 29th a severe wind storm struck town in the early evening. Fallen trees blocked most of the roads in the center of town and in the West Brimfield section. Our thanks go to all those who responded to our call for help in removing the trees and clearing roads. We were fortunate that personal injuries did not occur and that much greater property loss did not materialize. Total estimated cost of this storm reduced the General Highway account by at least \$1200.00.

The Selectmen urge the purchase of the property immediately north of the town dump for the purpose of expanding the present dump. This will eliminate the need for seeking another site for a dump for several years. The present area has reached the limit of its capacity. Care must be taken to prevent further pollution to the brook that flows in that area.

The Selectmen signed contracts with the U.S. Government to permit us to buy sand from the E. Brimfield Reservoir area at \$.10 per yard. We would have to pay cost of hauling and loading, etc.

On several occasions the Selectmen met with representatives of the Lake Sherman Association concerning the removal of snow from the private streets in that area. At present, no money is appropriated for this purpose. The town voted, however, to authorize the Selectmen to do such plowing of private ways. Up to now we have agreed only to help them in extreme emergencies when snow depths or other conditions warranted it. The Selectmen



feel that the Town should vote to determine if this area should be plowed with Town equipment and to see if the Town will accept a contribution from the Association to be used for snow removal.

Several disputes concerning private boundaries have been brought to the Selectmen. These matters are private disputes and should be resolved by the separate parties... through the courts if necessary. The town has no role in such disputes unless town property is involved.

The present set of Town By-laws (except the Zoning By-law) are printed in this book for your convenience. Additional copies will be available in the Selectmen's office and from the Town Clerk.

The 1960 Ford Highway truck and plow was sold for \$367.50 to Gerard A. Morin. The Selectmen urge the purchase of a replacement truck and plow. We also feel that a larger size truck is called for so that it can assist in plowing some of the more difficult areas in town that presently can only be done by the grader and loader. Most of our snow removal problems center around equipment breakdowns. Heavier equipment might handle the job with less strain and thereby suffer fewer breakdowns.

The Selectmen urge the voters to set the resolution of our school building problems as the number one priority for the town. It is obvious that quality education can not be offered in facilities that are completely inadequate to house the number of students. We should not expect outside agencies to allow us to use their facilities indefinitely. Postponing building is getting more and more costly. We should also realize that inexpensive construction may be cheaper at the outset, but may be very costly to maintain. Maintenance costs continue for as long as the school exists and school buildings last for many years.

A telephone extension to the Assessors' office in the basement of the Town Hall will be added.

It seems evident that everyone wants ever better road care in the winter. To that end, the Selectmen urge more money be appropriated for General Highways. We are presently paying higher wages and higher costs for sand and salt. To do a better job than in prior years and to pay higher costs for labor and material can not be done on the same amount of money. One difficulty is that the



number of storms, snow or wind, can not be anticipated.

Next year will see a change in our budget year from the calendar year (January to January) to one that will coincide with the State and Federal budget year. The new fiscal year from July to July will help in several ways. We should not have to borrow in anticipation of revenue so much since both the school year and the snow removal season will fall entirely within a given budget. At the outset, however, town departments will have to budget for one eighteen month year that will run from Jan. 1971 to July 1972. Much additional information is needed before this can be done and several problems remain to be solved with the law as it presently stands.

A very lengthy and costly audit of the town books was completed this year.

The Selectmen recommend the rejection of the article on the annual warrant to repeal the Zoning By-law.

The Community Service Board, represented by Mrs. Carolyn VanBrocklyn was not even contacted this year. This board is supposed to be involved with other towns' representatives to deal with Welfare problems. However, the State and other agencies can not agree on the function of the Community Service Board that they created.

The Selectmen wish to thank the town departments and officers for their cooperation throughout the year and for staying within their budgets as much as possible.

Richard J. Erban  
Richard C. Allen  
Alice M. Adams  
Board of Selectmen



#### DID YOU KNOW:

Timothy Danielson was the first to open a store in Brimfield, sometime before 1771. It was, at the time, the only store between Springfield and Brookfield.

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## REAL ESTATE

1969

Commitments as per warrant		\$350,893.60
Abatements refunded		<u>880.40</u>
		351,774.00

Cash to Treasurer	\$287,958.93	
To Tax Title	1,601.40	
Abatements	16,772.16	<u>306,332.49</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 45,441.51

1968

Outstanding Jan.1, 1969	\$ 53,390.07
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Cash to Treasurer	\$ 46,390.47	
To Tax Title	552.76	
Abatements	939.12	
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector	<u>31.20</u>	<u>47,913.55</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 5,476.52

1967

Outstanding Jan.1,1969	\$ 17,902.08
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Cash to Treasurer	\$ 13,695.54	
To Tax Title	568.36	
Abatements	198.64	
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector	<u>276.40</u>	<u>14,738.94</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 3,163.14

1966

Outstanding Jan.1,1969	\$ 8,225.82
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Cash to Treasurer	\$ 5,695.25	
To Tax Title	525.46	
Abatements	7.99	
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector	<u>185.10</u>	<u>6,413.80</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 1,812.02

	<u>1965</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 2,868.48
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 1,422.54	
To Tax Title	194.61	
Abatements	.78	
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector	<u>67.86</u>	<u>1,685.79</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 1,182.69

	<u>1964</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 1,589.85
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 364.33	
To Tax Title	92.25	
Abatements	.72	
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector	468.00	
Unidentified receipts	<u>43.20</u>	<u>968.50</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 621.35

	<u>1963</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 89.60
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 36.75	
Abatements	<u>8.40</u>	<u>45.15</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 44.45

	<u>1962</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 118.11
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 37.20	
Abatements	<u>50.22</u>	<u>87.42</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 30.69

	<u>1961</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 37.80
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 10.80	
Abatement	8.10	
Collected receipt by former Tax Collector	<u>16.20</u>	<u>35.10</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 2.70

	<u>1960</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 287.28
Cash to Treasurer	--	
Abatements	\$ 263.34	263.34
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ <u>23.94</u>

	<u>1959</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 121.25
Cash to Treasurer	--	
Abatement	<u>6.25</u>	6.25
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ <u>115.00</u>

	<u>1958</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 34.20
Cash to Treasurer	--	
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ <u>34.20</u>

### CLASSIFIED FOREST LAND

	<u>1969</u>	
Commitments per warrants		\$ 1,899.58
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 1,618.90	
To Tax Title	2.04	
Abatements	<u>44.88</u>	1,665.82
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ <u>233.76</u>

	<u>1968</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 357.76
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 347.36	
Abatements	<u>5.20</u>	352.56
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ <u>5.20</u>

	<u>1967</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 43.68
Cash to Treasurer		38.48
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ <u>5.20</u>



	<u>1966</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 51.70
Cash to Treasurer		<u>36.66</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 15.04

	<u>1965</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 7.02
Cash to Treasurer		<u>7.02</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-

	<u>1964</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 1.08
Cash to Treasurer		<u>1.08</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-

	<u>1963</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ .70
Abatement		<u>.70</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-

	<u>1960</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 7.98
Cash to Treasurer		<u>-</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 7.98

#### FARM ANIMAL

	<u>1969</u>	
Commitment as per warrant		\$ 255.78
Cash to Treasurer		<u>253.28</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 2.50

	<u>1968</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 59.50
Cash to Treasurer		<u>59.50</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-

	<u>1966</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 15.00
Cash to Treasurer		<u>15.00</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-
	<u>1965</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 12.75
Cash to Treasurer		<u>-</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 12.75
	<u>1964</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 28.50
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector		<u>15.00</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		13.50
	<u>1963</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 31.50
Cash to Treasurer		<u>31.50</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-
	<u>POLL</u>	
	<u>1963</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 64.00
Abatements		<u>64.00</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-
	<u>1962</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 44.00
Abatements		<u>44.00</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-
	<u>1961</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 28.00
Abatements		<u>28.00</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-

	<u>1960</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 32.00
Abatements		<u>32.00</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-

PERSONAL PROPERTY

	<u>1969</u>	
Commitment as per warrant		\$ 46,707.84
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 44,203.74	
Abatements	<u>193.12</u>	<u>44,396.86</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 2,310.98

	<u>1968</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 2,109.12
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 1,855.88	
Abatements	<u>54.08</u>	<u>1,909.96</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 199.16

	<u>1967</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 342.68
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 262.60	
Abatements	<u>57.72</u>	<u>320.32</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 22.36

	<u>1966</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 225.13
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 137.24	
Abatements	<u>80.84</u>	<u>218.08</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 7.05

	<u>1965</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 181.35
Refunds		<u>11.70</u>
		193.05
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 41.73	
Abatements	<u>151.32</u>	<u>193.05</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-

	<u>1964</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 61.56
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 8.28	
Abatements	<u>53.28</u>	<u>61.56</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969	-
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	<u>1963</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 88.20
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 5.25	
Abatements	<u>82.95</u>	<u>88.20</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969	-
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	<u>1962</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 29.76
Abatements		<u>29.76</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969	-
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	<u>1961</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 80.10
Abatements		<u>80.10</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969	-
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	<u>1960</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 79.80
Abatements		<u>79.80</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969	-
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	<u>1959</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 28.75
Abatement		<u>28.75</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969	-
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	<u>1958</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 9.12
Abatement		<u>9.12</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969	-
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MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

	<u>1969</u>	
Commitments as per Warrants		\$ 39,005.89
Refunds		<u>1,230.07</u>
		40,235.96
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 33,352.94	
Abatements	<u>3,199.83</u>	<u>36,552.77</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 3,683.19
	<u>1968</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 10,812.34
1968 commitments submitted in 1969		<u>3,493.51</u>
		14,305.85
Refunds		<u>855.03</u>
		15,160.88
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 11,714.94	
Abatements	1,264.00	
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector	<u>25.58</u>	<u>13,004.52</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 2,156.36
	<u>1967</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 6,990.00
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 4,840.75	
Abatements	1,049.40	
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector	<u>42.90</u>	<u>5,933.05</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 1,056.95
	<u>1966</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		5,287.15
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 3,342.50	
Abatements	736.06	
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector	<u>63.80</u>	<u>4,142.36</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 1,144.79

	<u>1965</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 2,956.51
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 1,479.01	
Abatements	554.08	
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector	<u>128.11</u>	<u>2,161.20</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 795.31
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	<u>1964</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 2,244.03
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 1,372.10	
Abatements	<u>510.14</u>	<u>1,882.24</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 361.79
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	<u>1963</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 1,541.93
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 312.40	
Abatements	443.03	
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector	<u>112.20</u>	<u>867.63</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 674.30
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	<u>1962</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 1,233.61
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 322.38	
Abatements	757.15	
Collected receipts by former Tax Collector	<u>13.20</u>	<u>1,092.73</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 140.88
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	<u>1961</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 900.62
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 107.26	
Abatements	<u>759.26</u>	<u>866.52</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 34.10
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	<u>1960</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 703.00
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 80.35	
Abatements	<u>573.13</u>	<u>653.48</u>

Outstanding Dec.31,1969		\$ 49.52
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	<u>1959</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 151.36
Abatements		<u>151.36</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-

	<u>1958</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1969		\$ 12.05
Abatements		<u>12.05</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1969		-

Trailer Park receipts received in 1969 (Meadowbrook Acres)		\$ 4,752.00
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**geld or gelt** (geld) *n.* —*s*  
*OE gield*, geld, gild service,  
sacrifice, tax, tribute; *Gothic*  
gild tax: the crown tax paid  
under Anglo-Saxon and  
Norman kings; a division of  
people or territory paying it.

# Delinquent Real Estate Taxpayers through January 27, 1970

1958	Gelineau, Leodore H. & Ernestine	\$ 34.20
1959	**	115.00
1960	Denis, Alphonse J. & Lucia F.	18.24
	Ozut, John	5.70
1961	Blodgett, Wendall R.	2.70
1962	Cubles, Stephen	30.69
1963	Ames Textile Co.	8.75
	Bailey, Catherine	14.70
	Butler, Gordon B.	21.00
1964	Balise, Philip	25.91
	Butler, Gordon B.	21.60
	Chartier, Arthur J.	10.80
	Cubles, Stephen	28.44
	Day, Frank J.	1.80
	Waterfront Realty Co.	23.40
	*	509.40
1965	Arment, Charles G. & Anne F.	18.72
	Balise, Philip	40.95
	Blake, Roland	5.85
	Chartier, Arthur	11.70
	Damon, Roland C. & Shirley A.	370.50
	Day, Frank	1.95
	Denis Construction Co.	37.44
	Hickey, James N. & Dorothy R.	23.40
	Alvin Milde	19.50
	*	4.10
	**	68.65
	*	551.85
1966	Arment, Charles G. & Anne F.	22.56
	Balise, Philip	49.35
	Blake, Roland	7.05
	Chartier, Arthur J.	14.10
	*	211.50
	Cortis, Donald E. & Lyle R.	11.28
	Day, Frank J.	2.35
	Gentile, Vincent	267.90
	Girard, Roger A. & Alice I.	51.70
	Prouty, Frank & Genevieve P.	16.92
	Samson, Guy B. & Roseann	187.06
	Stoewer, Richard A. & Stephanie S.	21.15
	Vreeland, George C. & Ruth	211.20
	Waszkiewicz, Walter A.	9.40
	*	665.05
	Miller, Albert J. & Lorraine F.	63.45
1967	Arment, Charles G. & Anne F.	24.96
	Balise, Philip	54.60



	Bessette, Arthur	\$ 46.80
	Blake, Roland R.	7.80
	Chartier, Arthur	15.60
	Chase, Charles F. & Alice A.	7.80
	*	234.00
	Cottle, William	42.12
	Cubles, Stephen	21.84
	Cushing, Franklin J. & Myrtle	62.40
	Day, Frank J.	2.60
	Fijol, Stanley J. & Juanita H.	239.88
	Fountain, Royal W.	23.40
	Gentile, Vincent	296.40
	Goddard, William C. & Dorothy K.	229.14
	Hicks, Richard N. & Shirley	637.00
	Krol, Gloria A.	62.40
	LaPierre, Charles F. & Antionette F.	33.80
	Samson, Guy B. & Roseann	206.96
	Stewart, Robert A. & Dorothy D.	154.96
	Ullery, Thomas	12.48
	Waszkiewicz, Walter	10.40
	*	735.80
1968	Arment, Charles G. & Anne F.	24.96
	Barr, Marjorie	442.00
	Bennett, Wilfred M. & Nancy T.	104.00
	Bessette, Albert	46.80
	Billings, Charles W.	78.00
	Chartier, Arthur J.	15.60
	*	327.60
	Cortis, Donald E. & Lyle R.	12.48
	Cottle, William	42.12
	Cubles, Stephen	12.48
	Day, Frank J.	2.60
	Fleury, Patrick R. & Stella M.	134.16
	Fountain, Royal W.	154.96
	Fountain, Royal W.	23.40
	Goddard, William C. & Dorothy K.	248.56
	Haley, John E. & Patricia M.	10.40
	Hicks, Richard N. & Shirley	637.00
	Langlois, Mary B.	249.60
	LaPierre, Charles F. & Antionette F.	33.80
	Perry, Urban F. & Gertrude T.	361.40
	Piecuch, Peter	52.00
	Russell, Charles W. & Diane M. Jasmin	327.60
	Samson, Guy B. & Roseann	206.96
	Sears, John J.	10.40
	Ullery, Thomas	12.48
	Waskiewicz, Walter A.	10.40
	Wemyss, Alexander Jr. & Eleanor M.	23.40
	*	689.00
	Columbian Associates, Inc.	62.40

\* Deceased

\*\* Ownership questionable

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1969	\$ 107,486.48	
Cash Receipts	<u>1,070,659.26</u>	\$1,178,145.74
Paid on Treasury Warrants	\$1,051,746.05*	
Cash on hand		
December 31, 1969	<u>126,399.69</u>	\$1,178,145.74

### Funds in Custody of Treasurer:

Harriet Allen School Fund		\$1,401.45
Mary Burns School Fund		1,865.26
Library Funds		
Mary Hyde	831.50	
Ursula Shaw	2,489.09	
Endocia Flynt	103.52	
Albert Tarbell	200.00	
Julia Coy	645.04	
Elizabeth Robinson	411.41	
Fitzhenry Warren	1,000.00	
Emily Woods	500.00	
Mary Burns	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		7,180.56
Harriet Harding Fund		4,247.45
James O. Lincoln, Library Building		4,471.49
Chamberlain Smith Historical Fund		574.58
Pearsall Monument Fence Fund		207.45
Bliss Cemetery Gate Fund		68.85
Cemetery Wall Fund		484.65
Hoyt Animal Cemetery Fund		701.40
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Principal		20,035.55
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Interest		<u>17,697.83</u>
		\$58,936.52

\* Includes sum invested for purchase of U. S. Treasury Bills, which at maturity, on January 29, 1970, will result in adding \$150,000.00 to the Cash Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence H. Keith  
Town Treasurer

## TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF TREASURER

Trust Fund Totals in Custody of Treasurer	<u><u>\$58,936.52</u></u>
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### Charity and School Trust Funds

Harriet M. Harding - Charity Fund	\$ 4,247.45
Harriet M. Allen - School Fund	1,401.45
Mary E. Burns - School Fund	1,865.26

### Library Trust Funds

Mary K. Hyde Fund	831.50
Ursula J. Shaw Fund	2,489.09
Endocia C. Flynt Fund	103.52
Albert S. Tarbell Fund	200.00
Julia E. Coy Fund	645.04
Elizabeth Robinson	411.41
Fitzhenry-Warren Fund	1,000.00
Emily Woods	500.00
Mary E. Burns Fund	1,000.00
James O. Lincoln Library Building	4,471.49

### Historical and Cemetery Trust Funds

Chamberlain-Smith Historical Fund	574.58
Florence S. Pearsall Monument Fence Fund	207.45
Francis Bliss Cemetery Gate Fund	68.85
Cemetery Wall Fund	484.65
Hoyt Animal Cemetery Fund	701.40
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	<u>37,733.38</u>

TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>\$58,936.52</u></u>
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### DID YOU KNOW:

Thaddeus Fairbanks, inventor of the Fairbanks Platform Scale, was born in Brimfield ?

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

Raised by Taxation	\$546,323.13
Appropriated from Available Funds	19,505.72
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay in prior years	130.90
School Lunch Program	1,143.45
Free Public Libraries	500.00
Veterans Service District Assessment	919.70
Machinery Maintenance Overdraft	675.71
County Tax	13,737.93
State Recreation Areas	2,651.00
Audit of Municipal Accounts	4,204.91
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	197.40
Overlay of Current Year	<u>22,504.65</u>
Gross Amount to be raised	\$611,822.70
Available Funds & Estimated Receipts	<u>214,893.06</u>
Net Amount to be raised by taxation	\$397,601.44

Tax Rate - \$68.00 per M

Personal Property Valuation	\$ 686,880.00
Real Estate Valuation	<u>5,160,200.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$5,847,080.00

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Gondek  
John M. Haley  
Charles B. Sherman



### DID YOU KNOW:

At one time clay pits were dug in the south end of Sherman's Pond for the local manufacture of earthen milkpans?



**REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969**

**Receipts  
General Revenue**

**Taxes:**

Personal 1969	\$44,203.74	
Real Estate 1969	287,958.93	
Personal Previous Years	2,310.98	
Real Estate Previous Years	68,099.58	
Tax Title Redemptions and Sales	<u>2,396.02</u>	\$404,969.25

Classified Forest Land		
Levy 1969	1,618.90	
Previous Years	<u>430.60</u>	2,049.50

Motor Vehicle Excise		
Levy 1969	33,352.94	
Previous Years	<u>23,553.27</u>	56,906.21

Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1969	253.28	
Previous Years	<u>176.00</u>	429.28

Special Assessments		
Trailer Rentals 1969		4,758.00

Sale in Excess of Tax Title		32.46
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Commonwealth of Mass.		
Machinery Basis	196.45	
State Tax Basis	12,960.00	
Valuation Basis	15,027.67	
Loss of Taxes	15,071.59	
Special Education Program	<u>1,445.00</u>	44,700.71

Licenses and Permits		
Liquor Licenses	1,350.00	
All Others	<u>950.50</u>	2,300.50

Court Fines		310.00
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Tax Lien Certificate Fees		15.00
State and Federal Aid		
Regional Schools	8,814.79	
School Lunches	<u>2,949.94</u>	11,764.73
Federal Grants		
Medical Assistance	364.84	
Highway Chapter 616 Acts of 1967	<u>3,662.12</u>	4,026.96
State Grants		
School Aid Chapter 70	59,041.81	
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	787.53	
H. S. Education and Transportation	32,370.70	
Highway Chapter 81	25,642.76	
Aid to Libraries	<u>500.00</u>	118,342.80
County Grant		
Dog Fund		505.89
Gifts from Individuals		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	100.00	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	20.00	
Graves and Foundations	<u>663.00</u>	<u>783.00</u>
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE		\$651,894.29

Commercial Revenue

General Government		
Compensation Fee Mass.		
W. H. Tax	24.80	
Tailings	3.00	
Phone Commission	92.07	
Town Hall Rentals	67.00	
Deposits on Sale of Real Estate	<u>3,500.00</u>	3,686.87
Protection of Persons and Property		
Constable Salary Returned	100.00	
Dog Officer Services County	<u>825.00</u>	925.00
Highways		
Joint Maint.- State	3,498.32	
Joint Maint. - County	3,498.32	
Sale of Truck	367.50	

Machinery Rentals	14,028.63	
Joint Construction - State	29,934.11	
Joint Construction- County	14,967.05	
Compensation Insurance	<u>1,000.96</u>	67,294.89
Public Welfare:		
Medical Assistance- State	713.92	
General Relief -State	26.00	
Veterans Benefits - State	<u>1,040.68</u>	1,780.60
Schools		
Transportation of Wards	649.60	
Tuition of Wards	3,610.07	
Special Education Town		
of Holland	241.28	
Lunch Receipts	<u>8,454.36</u>	12,955.31
Libraries		
Fines		220.37
Interest - General		
On Deposits	73.33	
On Deferred Taxes	4,067.92	
On Tax Titles Redeemed	547.15	
On Special Assessments	14.87	
On Motor Vehicle Excise	<u>2,210.80</u>	6,914.07
Interests - Trust Funds		
On Library Funds	403.53	
On Cemetery Funds	<u>249.99</u>	<u>653.52</u>
TOTAL COMMERCIAL REVENUE		\$94,430.63
Municipal Indebtedness		
Temporary Loans		
Anticipation of Revenue	225,000.00	
Highway Loan	<u>45,600.00</u>	270,600.00
General		
Fire Truck Loan		<u>22,992.00</u>
TOTAL MUNICIPAL INDEBTNESS		<u>\$293,592.00</u>
Agency, Trust and Investment		
Agency		
Dog Licenses for County	822.25	
Federal W.H. Taxes	24,696.75	
Mass. W.H. Taxes	4,542.41	
County Retirement	<u>707.20</u>	30,768.61

Trust Funds		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,101.03	
Chamberlain-Smith Historical Fund	<u>44.50</u>	<u>1,145.53</u>

TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST and INVESTMENT		<u>\$31,914.14</u>
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Refunds and Transfers

Refunds, General Departments		
On Motor Vehicle Excise 1968	\$24.20	
On School Dept. Expenses	<u>666.50</u>	<u>690.70</u>
TOTAL REFUNDS and TRANSFERS		<u>\$690.70</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$1,072,521.76
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Cash Regular January 1, 1969		106,018.65
Cash Savings January 1, 1969		<u>1,467.83</u>
Totals		<u>\$1,180,008.24</u>

Payments

General Government

Moderator		
Salary		150.00

Selectmen		
Salaries	\$1,325.00	
Clerk	400.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	93.32	
Travel	162.40	
Building Inspector	52.00	
Telephone	270.50	
Dues	31.00	
Dog List	50.00	
Advertising	145.56	
Insurance	26.83	
All Other	<u>72.28</u>	<u>2,628.89</u>

Town Accountant		
Salary	1,200.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	20.17	
Dues	<u>5.00</u>	<u>1,225.17</u>



Town Treasurer		
Salary	800.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	192.17	
Surety Bond	121.00	
Dues	4.00	
Advertising	4.60	
Recording Fees	<u>51.05</u>	<u>\$1,172.82</u>
Tax Collector		
Salary	750.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	300.77	
Surety Bond	266.00	
Deputy Bond	10.00	
Dues	4.00	
Travel	35.10	
Telephone	2.63	
Clerk	36.00	
Advertising	<u>44.00</u>	<u>1,448.50</u>
Assessors		
Salaries	1,350.00	
Clerk	325.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	239.70	
Travel	183.00	
Dues	15.00	
Files	<u>26.00</u>	<u>2,138.70</u>
Finance Committee		
Salary	75.00	
Travel	30.00	
Postage	<u>1.32</u>	<u>106.32</u>
Certifying Notes		<u>31.00</u>
Law Department		
Town Counsel Salary	300.00	
Legal Fees	<u>746.75</u>	<u>1,046.75</u>
Town Clerk Department		
Salary	450.00	
Recording Fees	86.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	209.76	
Surety Bond	10.00	
Dues	8.00	
Clerk	3.00	
Travel	<u>30.00</u>	<u>796.76</u>

Election and Registration Department		
Salaries of Registrars	91.00	
Salaries of Election Officers	144.38	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	133.11	
Street List	247.45	
Lunches	12.18	
Town Clerk Salary	50.00	
Travel	<u>7.50</u>	<u>685.62</u>
Planning Board		
Advertising		<u>11.69</u>
Zoning Board of Appeals		
Printing, Stationery and Postage	37.19	
Clerk	35.00	
Advertising	<u>2.00</u>	<u>74.19</u>
Town Hall		
Salary Janitor	900.00	
Fuel	955.62	
Light	140.75	
Janitor's Supplies	35.98	
Repairs	<u>463.24</u>	<u>2,495.59</u>
Town Garage and Fire Station		
Fuel	849.07	
Light	394.62	
Repairs	<u>23.39</u>	<u>1,267.08</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		<u>\$15,279.08</u>

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department		
Wages	\$659.00	
Constables Salaries	500.00	
Police Matron	10.58	
Dog Officer Services	595.00	
Equipment Repairs	28.42	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	15.00	
Travel	<u>87.00</u>	<u>1,895.00</u>
Fire Department		
Chief Salary	350.00	
Forest Fire Wages	1,216.50	
Apparatus	170.00	
Gas and Oil	498.60	

Parts and Repairs	1,604.19	
Stationery, Printing and Postage	6.00	
Telephone	516.01	
Insurance	1,774.15	
Permits	40.00	
Dues	<u>10.00</u>	<u>6,185.45</u>
Civil Defense		
Salary Director	100.00	
Parts and Repairs	29.77	
Gas and Oil	<u>8.21</u>	<u>137.98</u>
Tree Warden		
Warden's Salary	100.00	
Labor	99.50	
Compensation Insurance	3.35	
Truck Rental	35.35	
Tree Removals	<u>261.80</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Insect, Pest Extermination		
Labor	192.00	
Travel	19.36	
Compensation Insurance	8.64	
Tree Removal	<u>455.00</u>	<u>675.00</u>
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS and PROPERTY		<u><u>\$9,393.43</u></u>

#### Health and Sanitation

Health Department		
Water Expense	365.32	
Agent Salary	200.00	
Animal Inspector Salary	75.00	
Clerk Salary	100.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	34.00	
Advertising	10.00	
Medicines and Medical		
Attendance	41.94	
Travel	28.00	
Pest Control	100.00	
Care of Dump	<u>1,027.13</u>	<u>1,981.39</u>
TOTAL HEALTH and SANITATION		<u><u>\$1,981.39</u></u>

Highways

General Highways

Bridge Repair

Supt. Salary	449.75	
Labor	653.00	
Truck Rentals	610.83	
Compensation Insurance	<u>43.33</u>	<u>1,756.91</u>

Snow Removal

Supt. Salary	2,730.00	
Labor	5,712.25	
Sand	330.00	
Salt	2,326.43	
Truck Rental	7,735.90	
Compensation Insurance	379.90	
Hired Equipment	<u>1,958.25</u>	<u>21,172.73</u>

Total General Highways		<u>\$22,929.64</u>
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Chapter 616 Acts of 1967

Supt. Salary	255.50	
Labor	779.00	
Truck Rentals	206.00	
Materials, Culverts and Covers	2,022.09	
Compensation Insurance	46.55	
Hired Equipment	<u>352.00</u>	<u>3,661.14</u>

Total Chapter 616		<u>\$3,661.14</u>
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Chapter 81 Maintenance

Supt. Salary	2,845.50	
Labor	5,871.50	
Materials, Stone and Gravel	2,451.30	
Truck Rentals	4,768.40	
Hired Equipment	1,364.00	
Compensation Insurance	392.27	
Topping	918.03	
Oil	1,207.21	
Tri-posts	200.00	
Culverts	122.19	
Advertising	<u>19.60</u>	<u>20,160.00</u>

Total Chapter 81 Maintenance		<u>\$20,160.00</u>
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Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Supt. Salary	469.00	
Labor	573.00	
Compensation Insurance	46.89	
Truck Rentals	532.15	
Materials, Top & Oil, Painting	15,616.64	
Filing Fees	5.00	
Advertising	<u>7.20</u>	<u>17,249.88</u>
Total Chapter 90 Maintenance		<u>\$17,249.88</u>
Chapter 90 Construction		
Supt. Salary	140.00	
Labor	175.00	
Truck Rentals	112.00	
Compensation Insurance	14.18	
Advertising	<u>5.00</u>	<u>446.18</u>
Total Chapter 90 Construction		<u>\$446.18</u>
Machinery Maintenance		
Supt. Salary	717.50	
Labor	745.50	
Telephone	164.46	
Parts and Repairs	5,269.02	
Equipment Insurance	1,155.48	
Compensation Insurance	65.85	
Gas and Oil	1,611.85	
Registration	54.00	
Truck Rental	28.00	
Permits	3.00	
Postage	1.02	
Advertising	<u>11.80</u>	<u>9,827.48</u>
Total Machinery Maintenance		<u>\$9,827.48</u>
Street Lighting		
Streets	2,598.96	
Phone Booth	<u>33.32</u>	<u>2,632.28</u>
Total Street Lighting		<u>\$2,632.28</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS		<u><u>\$76,906.60</u></u>

Public Welfare

Veterans Benefits	\$2,593.20	
Federal Medical Assistance	<u>313.88</u>	<u>\$2,907.08</u>

TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE	<u><u>\$2,907.08</u></u>
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School Department

School Committee Salaries	300.00
Supt. Salary	1,766.84
Assist. Supt. Salary	482.40
Clerks Salaries	2,889.19
Printing, Stationery and Postage	177.98
Telephone	476.93
Travel	1,034.57
School Census	75.00
Office Equipment and Repairs	417.04
Advertising	25.52
Dues	13.33
School Committee Travel and Ent.	117.06
Teachers Salaries	104,239.70
Principal's Clerk	1,256.64
Teachers Aides and Perc. Hand.	3,128.16
Substitute Teachers	2,580.00
Psychological Service	400.00
Text Books	5,020.66
Supplies	6,249.03
Special Education Tuition	1,411.66
Vocational Tuition	1,110.86
Tantasqua Transportation	25,380.21
Elementary Transportation	11,585.04
Monson Hospital Transportation	1,278.00
Field Trips	200.00
Vocational Transportation	587.25
Special Education Transportation	2,935.82
Personal Training	166.62
Janitors Services Elementary	7,551.32
Janitors Services Office	178.98
Fuel	1,480.02
Light	1,443.17
Repairs	10,145.25
Janitors Supplies	1,716.86

Snow and Rubbish Removal	274.43	
Office Rent	222.96	
Classroom Rent St.		
Christopher	1,000.00	
Furniture & Fixtures	2,373.28	
Insurance	20.11	
Physician	226.80	
Nurse	1,214.00	
Health Supplies	<u>502.44</u>	<u>203,655.13</u>
Total School Department		<u>203,655.13</u>
Tantasqua Regional High School		<u>222,935.40</u>
TOTAL SCHOOLS		<u>\$426,590.53</u>

#### School Lunches

School Lunches		
Wages	4,613.60	
Food	6,399.17	
Other	<u>622.47</u>	<u>11,635.24</u>
Total School Lunches		<u>11,635.24</u>
TOTAL SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL LUNCHES		<u>\$438,225.77</u>

#### Libraries

Public Library		
Librarian Salary	1,500.00	
Assistants Wages	256.38	
Janitor's Salary	500.00	
Books	1,163.94	
Periodicals	29.60	
Records	9.65	
Books Binding	46.19	
Fuel	562.87	
Light	196.80	
Repairs	239.70	
Furniture and Fixtures	600.00	
Care of Grounds	101.00	
Janitor's Supplies	35.78	
Stationery and Postage	72.02	
Printing	10.00	
Telephone	97.97	
Labor Hired	<u>6.00</u>	<u>5,427.90</u>
Total Library		<u>5,427.90</u>

Sherman Memorial Library Room		
Furniture and Fixtures		<u>149.88</u>

TOTAL LIBRARY		<u>\$5,577.78</u>
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Recreation and Unclassified

Recreation		
Town Common	459.80	
Recreation Committee	<u>400.00</u>	<u>859.80</u>
Total Recreation		<u>\$859.80</u>

Unclassified		
Memorial Day	279.55	
Workmens Compensation	1,666.00	
Town Reports	869.34	
Town Property Insurance	4,087.15	
Town Fire Truck Purchase	15,596.00	
Highway Truck Purchase	4,944.00	
Hitchcock Property Survey	983.21	
Hitchcock Property Title		
Search	150.00	
Hitchcock Property Purchase	20,000.00	
Hitchcock Real Estate Tax		
Reimb.	<u>331.50</u>	<u>48,906.75</u>
Total Unclassified		<u>\$48,906.75</u>
TOTAL RECREATION and UNCLASSIFIED		<u>\$49,766.55</u>

Enterprise and Cemeteries

Cemetery		
Salaries	300.00	
Labor	803.25	
Equipment New	46.31	
Gas and Oil	11.18	
Hired Equipment	35.00	
Postage	<u>2.22</u>	<u>1,197.96</u>
TOTAL ENTERPRISES and CEMETERIES		<u>\$1,197.96</u>



Interest and Maturing Debt

Interest

On Anticipation of Revenue		
Loan	\$4,800.60	
On Highway Loan	252.10	
On Fire Truck Loan	<u>198.14</u>	<u>5,250.84</u>
 TOTAL INTEREST		 <u>\$5,250.84</u>

Municipal Indebtedness

Anticipation of Revenue		
Loans	175,000.00	
Highway Loans	41,100.00	
Highway Loader Loan	6,977.00	
Fire Truck Loan	14,370.00	
Veterans Service Dist.		
Assessment	919.70	
County Retirement Assessment	601.00	
County Tax Assessment	14,580.97	
State Recreation Areas		
Assessment	2,517.58	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	4,204.91	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	<u>197.40</u>	<u>260,468.56</u>
 Total Municipal Indebtedness		 <u>260,468.56</u>
 TOTAL INTEREST and MATURING DEBT		 <u>\$265,719.40</u>

Agency, Trust and Investment

Agency

Dog Licenses for County	816.25	
Federal W. H. Taxes	24,341.65	
Mass. W. H. Taxes	4,414.67	
County Retirement Program	<u>702.69</u>	<u>30,275.26</u>
 Total Agency		 <u>30,275.26</u>

Trust Funds

Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Funds	1,034.89
Chamberlain-Smith	
Historical Fund	44.50

James N. Lincoln Library		
Building Fund	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,579.39</u>
Total Trust Funds		<u>1,579.39</u>

TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST and INVESTMENT		<u>\$31,854.65</u>
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Refunds and Transfers

Refunds

Taxes	3,314.51	
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,234.41	
Tax Title	285.57	
Classified Forest Land	9.68	
Overpayment of Interest	150.81	
Trailer Rental Overpayment	400.00	
Federal Medical Assistance	<u>25.00</u>	<u>6,419.98</u>

Total Refunds		<u>6,419.98</u>
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Transfers

Cemetery Funds Interest	249.99	
Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Gift	50.00	
Purchase of Treasury Bills	<u>148,078.89</u>	<u>148,378.88</u>

Total Transfers		<u>\$148,378.88</u>
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TOTAL REFUNDS and TRANSFERS		<u>\$154,798.86</u>
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TOTAL PAYMENTS		\$1,053,608.55
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Cash in Regular Account 12/31/69	124,931.86
Cash in Saving Account 12/31/69	<u>1,467.83</u>

TOTAL	<u>\$1,180,008.24</u>
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DID YOU KNOW:

During the Revolutionary War, all that was needful to keep a hotel was a barrel of pork, a barrel of potatoes and a barrel of rum? At least six "public houses for the entertainment of man and beast" flourished at the time.

Oh, those wonderful, simple, uncomplicated days!

BALANCE SHEET

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities &amp; Reserves</u>	
Cash in Regular Account	\$124,931.86	Temporary Loans:	
Cash in Savings Account	1,467.83	Anticipation of Revenue	\$150,000.00
Cash in Treasury Bills	<u>148,078.89</u>	Highway Reimbursement	<u>45,600.00</u>
Cash discrepancy former collector		Funded new Fire Truck Loan 3-year	8,622.00
Accounts Receivable:		Reserve Accounts:	
Taxes:		Unidentified receipts - former collector	24.58
Levy of 1958 Real Estate	34.20	Reserve for cash discrepancy - former collector	
Levy of 1959 Real Estate	115.00	Excess Tax Title Sale	3,188.00
Levy of 1960 Real Estate	23.94	Deposit on sale of real estate	127.57
Levy of 1961 Real Estate	2.70	Prepetual care fund gift	3,500.00
Levy of 1962 Real Estate	30.69	Dog licenses for county	50.00
Levy of 1963 Real Estate	44.45	Payroll deductions:	28.00
Levy of 1964 Real Estate	621.35	Federal Withholding taxes	
		Mass. Withholding taxes	2,425.47
		County Retirement Program	490.42
			<u>96.20</u>
			3,012.09

Levy of 1965				Receipts reserved		
Real Estate	\$	1,182.69	\$	for appropriations		
Levy of 1966				Machinery Fund	\$ 2,247.25	\$
Personal property		7.05		Sale of Cemetery lots	20.00	
Levy of 1966				Compensation		
Real Estate		1,812.02		Insurance Fund	1,000.96	
Levy of 1967				Tailings	<u>161.30</u>	3,429.51
Personal property		22.36				
Levy of 1967				Revenue reserved for		
Real Estate		2,852.70		collection		
Levy of 1968				Overlay Surplus	6,973.48	
Personal property		199.16		1962 Overlay	30.69	
Levy of 1968				1963 Overlay	44.45	
Real Estate		5,007.91		1964 Overlay	621.35	
Levy of 1969				1969 Overlay	5,539.35	
Personal property		2,310.98		Motor Vehicle Ex-		
Levy of 1969				cise Revenue	10,486.93	
Real Estate		<u>45,441.58</u>	59,708.78	Farm Animal Excise		
Motor Vehicle &				Revenue	28.75	
Trailer Excise:				Classified Forest		
Levy of 1960		49.52		Land Tax Revenue	263.33	
1961		34.10		Tax Title and Tax		
1962		140.88		Possession Revenue	6,939.97	
1963		674.30		Departmental Revenue	1,380.05	
1964		361.79		Aid to Highways		
1965		795.31		Revenue	<u>54,056.85</u>	86,365.20
1966		1,144.79				
1967		1,056.95				
1968		2,546.10				
1969		<u>3,683.19</u>	10,486.93			





1968 Chapter 90		
Const.	\$ 11,000.00	
1969 Chapter 90		
Const.	<u>11,000.00</u>	\$ 37,306.85

County Aid to		
Highways		
1969 Chapter		
90 Maint.	\$ 5,750.00	
1968 Chapter		
90 Const.	5,500.00	
1969 Chapter		
90 Const.	<u>5,500.00</u>	16,750.00

Income due from		
Trust Fund		
Perpetual Care		
Fund	103.00	
James N. Lincoln		
Library Bldg. Fund	<u>500.00</u>	603.00

Underestimated	
Accounts	
1958 Overlay	9.12
1959 Overlay	35.00
1960 Overlay	375.14

1961 Overlay	116.20	
1965 Overlay	152.10	
1966 Overlay	88.83	
1967 Overlay	256.36	
1968 Overlay	<u>993.20</u>	2,025.95

Underestimated		
Assessments (Cherry		
Sheet)		
State Park &		
Recreation	54.97	
County TaxAssessment	<u>843.04</u>	898.01

Overdrawn Accounts.		
Due from State &		
County -		
Chapt.81 Maint.	\$ 9,556.85	\$
1969		
Chapt.90 Maint.	11,499.88	
1969		
Chapt.90 Const.	<u>830.68</u>	21,887.41
1968		

Net Fixed & Fund.		
Debt Inside Debt		
Limit	<u>8,622.00</u>	
		\$444,567.61

1969 APPROPRIATIONS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

<u>Account</u>	<u>From Approp.</u>	<u>From Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Moderator salary	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$
Selectmen salary	1,725.00		1,725.00	1,725.00	
Selectmen expenses	575.00	450.00	1,025.00	903.89	121.11
Accountant salary	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	
Accountant expenses	150.00		150.00	25.17	124.83
Treasurer salary	800.00		800.00	800.00	
Treasurer expenses	500.00		500.00	372.82	127.18
Tax collector salary	750.00		750.00	750.00	
Tax collector expenses	900.00		900.00	698.50	201.50
Assessors salary	1,750.00		1,750.00	1,675.00	75.00
Assessors expenses	500.00		500.00	463.70	36.30
Finance Committee salary	75.00		75.00	75.00	
Finance Committee expenses	25.00	6.32	31.32	31.32	
Certifying notes	30.00	1.00	31.00	31.00	
Town Counsel salary	300.00		300.00	300.00	
Legal fees and expenses	200.00	546.75	746.75	746.75	
Town Clerk salary	450.00		450.00	450.00	
Town Clerk expenses	350.00		350.00	346.76	3.24
Election and registration	700.00		700.00	685.62	14.38
Planning Board	100.00		100.00	11.69	88.31



<u>Account</u>	<u>From Approp.</u>	<u>From Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Zoning Board of Appeals \$	100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 74.19	\$ 75.81
Town Hall salary	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Town Hall expenses	1,700.00		1,700.00	1,595.59	104.41
Town garage & fire station	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,267.08	232.92
Total Gen. Gov't.	\$ 15,355.00	\$ 1,129.07	\$ 16,484.07	\$ 15,279.08	\$ 1,204.99
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY</u>					
Police Dept.	800.00		800.00	800.00	
Fire Dept. salary	350.00		350.00	350.00	
Fire Dept. expenses	5,858.00		5,858.00	5,835.45	22.55
Insect pest exterm.	840.00		840.00	675.00	165.00
Tree Warden salary	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Tree Warden expenses	400.00		400.00	400.00	
Dog Officer services	700.00		700.00	595.00	105.00
Constable salaries	500.00		500.00	400.00	100.00
Total protection of persons & property	\$ 9,548.00		\$ 9,548.00	\$ 9,155.45	\$ 392.55
<u>HEALTH AND SANITATION</u>					
Health Dept. expense	2,237.00		2,237.00	1,981.39	255.61
Total health and sanitation	\$ 2,237.00		\$ 2,237.00	\$ 1,981.39	\$ 255.61

<u>Account</u>	<u>From Approp.</u>	<u>From Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
			<u>HIGHWAYS</u>		
General Highways	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 4,929.64	\$ 22,929.64	\$ 22,929.64	\$
Chapter 81 Maint.	2,560.00		2,560.00	2,560.00	
Chapter 90 Maint.	5,750.00		5,750.00	5,750.00	
Chapter 90 Const.	5,500.00		5,500.00	5.00	5,495.00
Chapter 616 Acts of 1967	3,662.12		3,662.12	3,661.14	.98
Street lighting	<u>2,649.00</u>		<u>2,649.00</u>	<u>2,632.28</u>	<u>16.72</u>
Total Highways	\$ 38,121.12	\$ 4,929.64	\$ 43,050.76	\$ 37,538.06	\$ 5,512.70

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS BENEFITS

Veterans Benefits	\$ <u>2,059.95</u>	\$ <u>533.25</u>	\$ <u>2,593.20</u>	\$ <u>2,593.20</u>	
Total Charities and Soldiers Benefits	\$ 2,059.95	\$ 533.25	\$ 2,593.20	\$ 2,593.20	

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	\$205,103.59		\$205,103.59	\$203,001.13	\$ 2,102.46
Tantasqua R.H.S.	<u>225,316.86</u>		<u>225,316.86</u>	<u>222,935.40</u>	<u>2,381.46</u>
Total Schools	\$430,420.45		\$430,420.45	\$425,936.53	\$ 4,483.92
Library salaries	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Library expenses	<u>3,469.42</u>		<u>3,469.42</u>	<u>3,427.90</u>	<u>41.52</u>
Total Libraries	\$ 5,469.42		\$ 5,469.42	\$ 5,427.90	\$ 41.52

<u>Account</u>	<u>From Approp.</u>	<u>From Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED</u>					
Common	\$ 400.00	\$ 59.80	\$ 459.80	\$ 459.80	\$
Recreation Committee	400.00		400.00	400.00	
County Retirement	601.00		601.00	601.00	
Memorial Day	400.00		400.00	279.55	120.45
Property insurance	4,100.00		4,100.00	4,087.15	12.85
Town Reports	869.34		869.34	869.34	
Workmens Compensation	1,343.00	323.00	1,666.00	1,666.00	
Hitchcock property purchase	20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00	
Hitchcock property tax refund	331.50		331.50	331.50	
Reserve fund	<u>7,500.00</u>		<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>7,225.60</u>	<u>274.40</u>
Total Recreation and unclassified	\$ 35,944.84	\$ 382.80	\$ 36,327.64	\$ 35,919.94	\$ 407.70
<u>CEMETERIES</u>					
Cemetery Dept. salaries	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Cemetery Dept. expenses	<u>900.00</u>		<u>900.00</u>	<u>897.96</u>	<u>2.04</u>
Total Cemeteries	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,197.96	\$ 2.04

<u>Account</u>	<u>From Approp.</u>	<u>From Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT</u>					
Interest	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 250.84	\$ 5,250.84	\$ 5,250.84	\$
Highway loader	6,977.00		6,977.00	6,977.00	
Fire truck	<u>2,874.00</u>		<u>2,874.00</u>	<u>2,874.00</u>	
Total interest and Maturing debt	\$ 14,851.00	\$ 250.84	\$ 15,101.84	\$ 15,101.84	
GRAND TOTALS	\$555,206.78	\$ 7,225.60	\$562,432.38	\$550,131.35	\$ 12,301.03



REPORT OF THE  
TOWN BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Your committee reviewed the existing by-laws and makes the following suggestions and recommendations to the Town:

ARTICLE I

1. Town by-laws are the foundation of our present Town government and are of such importance that they should not be repealed or amended at special meetings attended by only a few voters some of whom have a special interest. We therefore recommend that Article 1, Section 5, be amended to provide that By-Laws may only be repealed or amended at annual town meetings.

ARTICLE II

2. The Board of Public Welfare was abolished by act of the Legislature in July of 1968. We therefore recommend that Article II, Section 9, be amended by striking out the words, "three members of the Board of Public Welfare for three years each."

ARTICLE X

3. The Zoning By-Law is number X of the Town By-Laws, and even where it is not printed in full some reference to it should be made in any listing of the Town's By-Laws.

4. If the Town By-Law Committee is to serve a useful purpose, proposed additions or changes in By-Laws should be channelled through the committee for its recommendation.

1969 By-Law Committee

Theodore W. Skowyra  
George B. Adams  
Andrew W. Gondek

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the year of 1969, the Planning Board accepted, with regret the resignation of Ernest Roberts. The Selectmen appointed William Roberts to fill the office for the balance of the year.

The Planning Board was appointed by the Selectmen to be the Industrial Development Commission. The Board is studying areas which might be used or developed for business or light industry. The Planning Board also sponsored three articles for the 1970 warrant. One dealt with punctuation corrections in the Zoning by-law, the second dealt with an increase in lot size, and the third was to organize a Conservation Commission.

The Planning Board meets at the Town Hall at 8:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of every even numbered month or by special appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Sullivan, Chairman  
Donald Spear, Clerk  
Theodore Leth-Steensen  
Louis Flowers  
William Roberts



### DID YOU KNOW:

The first gristmill in Brimfield was built by Ezra King before 1753, on Elbow Brook. Gristmills were so popular, it was not uncommon for the proprietor to find 15 or more customers, each with his bag of grain, waiting for the miller to arrive in the morning.

## REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board held four hearings this year and rendered decisions as follows:

1. April 24 - Special permit for a family camping ground denied to Lester and Doris Sheldon because the zoning by-law did not grant the Board the power to issue such a permit.
2. May 28 - Special permit to remove loam denied to Arute Bros., Inc., because the by-law did not grant the Board the power to issue such a permit in the business zone, and the Board found the land use to be detrimental in the agricultural residential zone.
3. December 3 - Special permit to raise mink granted, with safeguards to protect the abutters and the town, to Leo J. Gregoire because the Board found the land use not detrimental.
4. December 3 - Special permit for a family camping ground granted, with safeguards, to Lester and Doris Sheldon because the amended by-law had granted the power to the Board and the Board found the land use not detrimental.

In reaching its decisions the Board is guided by the powers granted to it by law and the restrictions placed by law on those powers. It cannot merely decide what is good or bad for the town or the petitioner. It must first decide what is legal or illegal.

Under our by-law and Chapter 40A the Board has only three powers:

1. To reverse a negative decision of the Building Inspector (who serves as the zoning enforcement authority in Brimfield) when it can be demonstrated that he has made a mistake.
2. To make exceptions for uses listed as specially permissible in the zoning by-law, when after a public hearing and detailed study, the Board finds the proposed use would not be detrimental.



3. To issue variances, or "legal violations", when all the requirements for such have been met, and no detriment to the town or derogation of the by-law would result.

The \$25 hearing fee was set to cover the cost of stationery, postage, mailings to abutters, stenographic transcript of hearings, etc. The Board serves without pay.

Any citizen who wants a hearing may file for one with the Town Clerk, who has the correct forms and copies of the Board's rules for procedure. The petitioner's procedures for a hearing are listed below:

1. File application with Town Clerk on form 1096 in accordance with Board's specifications. File duplicate with Building Inspector's refusal form (when applicable) with the Chairman of the Board of Appeals.
2. Provide plot plan by certified engineer or surveyor or other plan acceptable to the Board.
3. Provide list of abutters to Board and duplicate to Town Clerk.
4. Make a \$10 deposit with the Board Chairman to be applied to the cost of advertising the hearing. The Board will order the advertisement to the account of the petitioner and return any balance. The deposit shall be paid at the time of submission of the completed form 1096.
5. Pay a \$25 hearing fee at the time of submission of the completed form 1096.
6. Furnish the Board with the book and page number of the deed for the property on which the hearing is to be held, as recorded with the Registry of Deeds.
7. Upon favorable action by the Board on special permits or variances, record same on form 1094 with the Register of Deeds.

Associate Members:  
George Gross  
L. B. Norton

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne T. Barr, Chairman  
Lester E. Dutka  
Theodore W. Skowyra  
Zoning Board of Appeals



## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. Homer Parker, my predecessor and I have issued 47 permits to build new structures or alter existing ones in compliance with the Brimfield Zoning By-law.

It was necessary to refuse other applications because I did not have the authority to issue a permit or, issuing a permit, would have allowed a direct violation of the law.

A permit was refused in one instance where a firm would have stripped the top soil from a number of acres of meadow land for out-of-town use. The Board of Appeals concurred in this case and issued special permits in some of the others.

It became necessary to take one intransigent violator to Court. He was found guilty and fined.

I wish to thank those who have cooperated by applying for a permit when they had reason to build or alter their land.

Any property owners or future property owners are asked to read the Zoning By-laws and have the facts before they invest. Copies of the By-laws may be obtained at the Town Hall any Monday night.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. McNamara  
Building Inspector



### DID YOU KNOW:

In 1870 the Brimfield Cheese Factory manufactured 14,000 pounds of cheese in  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months, which sold for  $12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$  per pound?

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The town accepted Sections 96, 96A, 97A, and 98 of the General Laws providing for the establishment of a police department.

The Brimfield Police have traveled approximately 5915 miles this year patrolling the highways and investigating complaints and accidents. The officers have been on duty 2590 hours. They have patrolled on fire watch in the spring, on Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July, during the firemen's carnival, on Labor Day, and Hallowe'en, as well as Sundays, holidays, weekdays and nights. The police officers have served during services at churches, funerals, fires, town meetings, parades, special gatherings, and the twister in May. They have received checks from the town for the patrol and investigation services, but the amount does not begin to compensate for the hours spent. The officers have been compensated by individuals, companies, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who have engaged them respectively for dances, auctions, protection of property, construction duty and other special duties. The police officers purchase and maintain their own equipment.

Thirty-one written warnings and many verbal warnings were issued for speeding, no license in possession, no registration in possession, and road violations. Faulty equipment tags were issued for mufflers and lights. Seventeen complaints were issued for speeding, no license in possession, no registration in possession, no muffler, faulty equipment, road violations, failure to use caution starting, no inspection stickers. As a result, fines were charged, some being paid through power of attorney and some through court appearances. One arrest was made for a minor using a vehicle without authority, driving without a license, and failure to stop for a police officer which resulted in a probationary period.

Twelve vehicle accidents were investigated with the State Police, including one vehicle-bicycle accident, one search for an article disposed of in a vehicle accident, and one hit-and-run accident. Two investigations were



conducted regarding vehicles disturbing a pedestrian and another vehicle operator. One investigation and assist of the State Police regarding the operator of a vehicle with one wheel missing and failing to stop for a police officer, one towing an unregistered vehicle, and one stolen vehicle. Seven assists were received from the State Police for vehicle or operator identification.

Complaints were received from Brimfield residents and investigations were conducted on the following: three property damage, five stolen articles, three breaks, two questionable deals for driveway paving, three anonymous phone calls, one runaway-missing person, two removing articles from a house, three parked and abandoned vehicles, one accident on private property, two complaints on speeders, two desertions, one with regard to a man making a nuisance of himself obtaining lodging, one man disregarding posted property, fourteen complaints concerning damage done by dogs, dogs found, killed, and animals mistreated, and sixteen miscellaneous complaints. Assists were given to the State Police on four breaks (two breaks with destruction and two attempted breaks), to pick up three boys, to pick up three girls, to investigate near drowning of two men.

Five drug arrests were made with the State Police of two adult males and three minor females. None of these were Brimfield residents, as was previously reported in the Springfield and Palmer newspapers. This resulted in three court appearances, resulting in probation for the three minors, and the two adult cases being bound over to Superior Court. Four other complaints regarding drugs were investigated.

Messages from other city and town police departments and individuals were relayed in cases of sickness and death, etc. Information requested by State Police or other police departments and the Registry of Motor Vehicles was communicated to the same. Two requests were received from the State Police regarding residents having pistol permits. One request was received to recommend a doctor. Information was received from the State Police regarding an armed robber at large, and public buildings being found open.

The following requests were received: four to keep check on vacant homes and homes where occupants were on vacation, one on lost article, one on found article, nine service requests, four business employment references, one from a law firm, one to check the home of a resident regarding his well-being, five from businesses regarding residents, three from private individuals for information, and six for Sunday permits to operate trucks. Insurance companies requested thirteen reports on thirteen accidents involving twenty-six persons.

Two residents were fingerprinted for citizenship. Fifteen pistol permits and renewals were issued. Seventy-one firearms identification registrations were issued. The fees from these permits and registrations go into the General Fund. The Police Department received a bill for food and lodging for one female arrested in Brimfield as the town is liable for anyone arrested within Brimfield, regardless of the person's residence. Police assisted other departments in the performance of their duties, such as directing traffic at many fires and a police officer's accompanying other department officers.

Twenty-four accident reports on twenty-three accidents in Brimfield were received from forty-four persons involved. Accident reports MUST be filed with the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Chief of Police in the town where the accident occurs, when the accident involves personal injury, or vehicle damage, or combined vehicle damage of \$200.00 or more.

Fourteen revocations of licenses of residents were received from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The Registry also sent seven requests for approval of reinstatements and nine letters were received issuing reinstatements. One request was made to the Registry of Motor Vehicles regarding a vehicle failing to stop for a police officer.

The Brimfield Police Department is working with the State Police and Representative Alexander Lolas to reduce the speed limit at Brimfield center and in other areas.

Sno-mobiles may not be registered and must not be operated on a public way. The report stating that sno-mobiles are required to be registered in this state, that they may be operated on highways under certain conditions, and



that the minimum operating age is fourteen (14) is in error. In regard to their operation on private land and public domain land, there is no registration law as yet.

From the office of The Registrar of Motor Vehicles:

"By statute (Section 1 of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws), mini-bikes are motor vehicles and must be registered before being operated on the ways of the Commonwealth.

Section 2 of the same chapter provides that if the Registrar shall determine a motor vehicle to be unsafe or improperly equipped he may refuse to permit them to be registered.

Under the authority of Section 2, the Registrar has ruled that mini-bikes, (with the exception of those that meet such equipment requirements), are unsafe and he has refused to issue registration for them. Consequently they are barred from our highways."

The aim of the police department is not to see how many violations may be written but to keep the accident, injury, and death rate down; to discourage malicious damage or theft; and to insure public safety. Please notify the police chief regarding vacant homes, or when going on vacation, or with regard to any acts of a suspicious nature.

The cooperation received from the Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, city and town police departments has been of great assistance to the Brimfield Police Department. The residents of Brimfield have cooperated fully as well. My work has been made easier through the efforts of the Brimfield police officers. They have willingly given their services regardless of weather or time of day, thus keeping accidents and complaints at a minimum.

I congratulate the Brimfield police officers and thank them for all services performed.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Allen  
Chief of Police

## REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Department activities for 1969 were as follows;

Grass Fires	52
Brush and woodlands	61
Truck and car	6
Dump	10
House	12
Fires reported by tower	37

As you can see, we have had a greater number of fires than usual this past year.

At this time I would like to take the opportunity to advise anyone in this town who sees a person or persons lighting a fire to call the police or the fire chief immediately and if possible get the plate number of the car. Do not try to stop the person yourself.

I am very grateful to the people of the town for their co-operation in obtaining open-air permits. Over four-hundred and fifty (450) permits were issued by the fire department during the year of 1969 and I hope this practice will continue. Permits may be obtained by calling 245-3552 during the day and 245-7752 during the evening. I would like to remind the people that burning in a barrel is permitted during the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. but open-air fires are allowed only by permit.

I want to thank the citizens of the town of Brimfield for their co-operation in reporting fires and the members of the fire department for all their help in this past year.

I also want to remind the citizens of Brimfield that all the members of the fire department are voluntary members. They give up their time without pay to protect the property of Brimfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert L. Hanna  
Chief, Brimfield Fire Department

## AMBULANCE SERVICE

I hereby submit my report as Secretary of the Ambulance Service for the year as follows:

Thirty-nine local calls, including accidents, and 41 calls from Holland and Wales were serviced, making a total of 80 calls and 1662 miles of driving. This reflects a slight drop in the number of calls, but mileage was almost exactly the same as last year, partly due, no doubt, to the increased use, by local people, of the facilities of Mary Lane Hospital in Ware. The ambulance still provides very necessary medical security throughout the Brimfield Holland-Wales area, and will continue to do so, while the possibility of resident physicians in these towns grows ever more remote.

The Annual Fire Department Supper was held in February in the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall, under the customary able chairmanship of Mrs. Alice M. Adams with kitchen assistance from other "fire-ladies" and friends. This supper was a huge success, as was the Annual Lawn Party in July.

The ambulance is supported mainly by Volunteer Fire Department projects such as the above, and donations. The ambulance was replaced this year with a 1969 Ford Econoline Ambulance which will enable us to provide service for several patients at the same time, it being possible to carry up to four stretcher cases - a convenience, certainly, in accidents involving multiple injuries. This ambulance was purchased entirely with Volunteer Fire Department funds and did not cost Brimfield taxpayers one cent. Except for the automobile insurance, the ambulance is in no way included in your tax dollar.

We extend sincere thanks to all those who cooperated in and patronized Fire Department projects, which cover so much of the necessary expense of maintaining the Ambulance Service. Charges for use of the vehicle are kept to an absolute minimum and cover only the time between leaving the fire station and arrival at the patient's destination.

May we again request your cooperation in considering the



ambulance an emergency vehicle. The ambulance should not be called for routine calls to the doctor or hospital when a private passenger vehicle will suffice.

It is always our desire to give the best possible service to those who are in need of oxygen, special care and special transportation, especially in those situations where every minute counts, and for such calls the ambulance and ambulance personnel should be available.

This report would not be complete without a momentary pause to honor the memory of Mrs. Violet G. Loux, who introduced many of the current ambulance personnel to the First Aid Courses. Gretchen, as she was known to her many friends and neighbors, instilled in us the same desire to serve our fellow-men that she had herself. It was never too late, or too early, too hot, or too cold, and above all, she was never too busy, to help a neighbor in distress. She was a fine teacher, an excellent nurse, and a wonderful example to each of us, who served on the ambulance with her.

When in need of ambulance service, please call 245-7222. A person stationed at the intersection of your road and the main road can save precious minutes by leading the ambulance, as can an illuminated porch at night, or someone by the front walk in the daytime.

May we again count on everyone's consideration and cooperation during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leo Lavigne  
Brimfield Volunteer Fire Department



## REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen  
Brimfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:

During the year I have picked up and confined at my home for the required number of days, 35 dogs, disposed of 35 dogs.

I have investigated 15 complaints, (5) where dogs were barking in the nighttime and in daytime (2) in regard to kennel licenses, (4) dogs tipping over rubbish and garbage containers, (3) dogs have bitten children, (1) dog ran into road was hit by car, doing damage to car, state police were also present.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur J. Moreau  
Dog Officer

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Fall inspection and creosoting of Gypsy Moth clusters has been completed. The number found was less than in previous years.

Work has continued on removal of Dutch Elm diseased trees. The contractor was unable to complete the work agreed upon and so a small amount of the 1969 appropriation was returned to free cash.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Killian  
Supt. Insect Pest Control

## REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

My appointment as Civil Defense Director was made in March by the Selectmen for the year 1969.

The Town was represented at all meetings at Ludlow Hospital, Headquarters of Sector 4A. The meetings were held under the direction of Wallace Meyer, Director of Sector 4A.

Radio checks were made each month.

Last July your director, with the aid of Richard Allen, former director of Brimfield, completed an inventory of all equipment purchased by the Town from 1958 to the present time. As you might expect, a large portion of this equipment, such as boots, raincoats, and overcoats, were retired due to their poor condition.

Your Director wishes to thank all for their help and cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Kenneth Silvius  
Director of Civil Defense



### DID YOU KNOW:

The first "ready-made" boots offered for sale in Hartford, Conn., Richmond, Va., and other cities in the south, were made in Brimfield by the firm of P. Warren and Son?

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health held meetings on the first Monday of each month with two extra meetings. They also met with members of the State Dept. of Health regarding water contamination and conditions called nuisances considered detrimental to health.

Some statistics are as follows: Mrs. Beverly Jalbert was hired as secretary. Twenty six permits and licenses were issued. Cases of Strep. Throat, measles, hepatitis and dog bites were reported. All installments of new or repaired septic systems were inspected and all complaints were investigated.

On April 22nd, a clinic was held with 255 immunizations given. Dr. Ann MacIntosh and Mrs. Mary Lou Antonovitch R.N. were in charge.

Rat control at the dump has been done again this year with good results. Remember that the dump is open Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, also do not leave your debris in roadways, throw it back as far as possible. More land for dump is needed.

The board wishes to thank all who have cooperated in the task of complying with rules and regulations regarding the health and safety of the community which are the functions of the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Theodore Leth-Steensen  
Alice B. Matheson  
John L. Sherman  
Board of Health

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 1969



### **School Committee**

John O. Curtis, Chairman  
Mrs. Teresa Van Wagner, Secretary  
William Whitten, Tantasqua Representative

Term Expires 1972  
Term Expires 1971  
Term Expires 1970

### **Superintendent of Schools**

Roland W. Wilson

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Telephone: 347-3077

### **Principal of Elementary School**

Arthur H. Bush

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Telephone: 245-3326

### **School Nurse**

Mrs. Mary Lou Antonovitch, R. N.

Telephone: 245-7737

## NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Information will be broadcast over Station WTAG, WARE and WESO between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Transportation of pupils is provided both to the elementary school and the high school by the school committee of each town's elementary school. The decision as to whether it is safe or feasible for buses to run to the high school is made by the Superintendent of Schools.

## ENTRANCE AGE OF PUPILS TO GRADE 1

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Last Monday of each month throughout year at 7:30 p.m. at the Elementary School.

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND UNION 61

1970-71 SCHOOL CALENDAR

<u>September</u>					<u>February</u>				
	9	10	11		1	2	3	4	5
14	15	16	17	18	8	9	10	11	12 (15 dys)
21	22	23	24	25 (16 dys)	-	-	-	-	-
28	29	30			22	23	24	25	26
<u>October</u>					<u>March</u>				
			1	2	1	2	3	4	5
5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12
-	13	14	15	16 (21 dys)	15	16	17	18	19 (23 dys)
19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26
26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31		
<u>November</u>					<u>April</u>				
2	3	4	5	-				1	2
9	10	-	12	13	5	6	7	8	-
16	17	18	19	20 (17 dys)	12	13	14	15	16 (16 dys)
23	24	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30					26	27	28	29	30
<u>December</u>					<u>May</u>				
	1	2	3	4	3	4	5	6	7
7	8	9	10	11	10	11	12	13	14
14	15	16	17	18 (18 dys)	17	18	19	20	21 (20 dys)
21	22	23	24	-	24	25	26	27	28
<u>January</u>					<u>June</u>				
4	5	6	7	8		1	2	3	4
11	12	13	14	15	7	8	9	10	11
18	19	20	21	22 (20 dys)	14	15	16	17	18 (18 dys)
25	26	27	28	29	21	22	23	24	

- September 8 Opening Workshop & Preparation
- September 9 First full day for pupils
- June 4 Last full day for Seniors
- June 6 Baccalaureate
- June 13 Graduation

1st Quarter	September 9 - November 12	44 days
2nd Quarter	November 16 - January 21	42 days
3rd Quarter	January 25 - April 2	46 days
4th Quarter	April 5 - June 24	<u>52</u> days
		184 days

## REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

It was impossible to achieve fullest realization of all our scheduled repairs to the elementary school building due to the necessary expenditure of nearly one thousand dollars caused by vandalism during the summer and fall months. However, a variety of encouraging improvements which were made included an accoustical tile ceiling in the cafeteria, a curtain to screen kitchen facilities from the diningroom, replacement of floor tiles in second floor corridors, extensive repairs to the first floor lavatories, roof repairs, new student furniture for two classrooms, construction of a heated passageway between the school building and the temporary trailer classroom, and enhanced security for the building in the form of new steel front doors and improved locks on the rear doors. The latter change was occasioned by the theft of a television set which, the committee learned to its dismay, was uninsured. Prompt action on behalf of the committee was recommended by the superintendent's office to the town to rectify that regrettable oversight.

Administrative capabilities were enhanced with the appointment of Mr. Arthur Bush as full-time principal having also responsibilities as a teaching principal.

Cleaning and routine maintenance of the school have been a chronic problem for the committee during the year; professional cleaning services have proven only partially successful and our custodial personnel have changed several times during the course of the year.

In early spring, the committee appointed a Building Needs sub-committee which has been extremely active during the year, studying both the local needs of the community as well as endeavoring to implement the Middle School concept which would so readily answer the classroom and curriculum needs of our elementary school children as well as those Brimfield seventh and eighth graders now at Tantasqua. We express our sincere thanks to those townspeople who have served so enthusiastically and selflessly on the building needs committee. The current direction of the committee's efforts is towards resolving our immediate local space requirements; those classroom needs which would not be answered by the Middle School. Fully one-



third of our classrooms are housed in structures other than the elementary school and the continuing availability of those quarters is, at present, not assured. Moreover, efficiency, morale and the educational experience suffer in such a widely scattered school environment. Nevertheless, the situation would have been infinitely worse without the kindness, patience and generosity of St. Christopher's Parish and the Trustees of the Hitchcock Academy. We would have been on double sessions. For the two rooms used by our sixth grade at St. Christopher's Church and the room presently in use by the fourth grade at the Academy, we are deeply grateful.

Finally, we must once again express our thanks to the Mother's Club for their continuing support and generosity which this year took the form of gifts of athletic equipment and audio-visual aids to the elementary school.

Respectfully submitted,

Brimfield School Committee

John O. Curtis, Chairman  
William F. Whitten  
Teresa VanWagner,  
Secretary

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

As we cross the threshold of a new decade we are sorely pressed to consider our achievements and failures of the past decade. Surely, we must recognize that in each of the past two decades we have provided new buildings for the constantly and persistently growing student enrollment. As the new decade approaches we are faced with the pressing need for still another major facility to serve the space needs of our district until the year 1980.

Recently, attempts to further regionalize our district to include Grades five through twelve were defeated by Wales and Brookfield and were more recently thwarted by Brimfield. An amendment to regionalize Grades five through twelve is a preliminary requirement to the planning of a new major facility to serve our district. The defeat of this amendment prevents the planning of any building proposal of a regional nature. Therefore, we must reconsider our position. Construction requires time and time is unavailable. It is imperative that we proceed immediately with a building program which meets the need for both high school and elementary school students. We cannot consider one need and ignore the other. We must be aware that double sessions at Tantasqua will be a reality by 1971. We must also be aware our elementary school children suffer in temporary classrooms in some of our area towns and programs have been curtailed in others. We must meet our responsibility to these children and provide adequate and proper facilities for their education.

Curriculum continues to receive priority. At this writing our Ungraded English Program at Tantasqua Regional High School is meeting with success and acceptance. Students and faculty alike comment that this new approach to teaching English stimulates and rewards both students and faculty.

This exciting program now in its second year shows the way for other innovations within our English program. It demonstrates clearly that methods of learning are changing. New procedures and methods will provide a more comprehensive and challenging educational program.

Mass Media, a new program is another significant innovation. Each of us enjoys, uses, criticizes mass media. Therefore, we must be taught the value, the danger and the use of this very powerful tool.

On the elementary level many young people with perceptual difficulty are now being taught in our schools by tutors trained by Mrs. Alice Garside of Massachusetts General Hospital. Most of these students (who have perceptual difficulties) are of average or above average intelligence and must be helped in the Kindergarten or the primary grades if any significant success is to be realized. Our program is designed to meet this need by providing tutoring on a one to one basis during the primary years.

Our elementary science program received careful scrutiny during the past year by a faculty committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Wilfred Martel, Assistant Principal at Brookfield Elementary School. Mr. Martel and his committee studied our Elementary Science program and made specific recommendations for improvement. These recommendations have been adopted by all elementary schools within Union # 61. In support of the recommendation of the Science Committee, an in-service program in science will be offered starting early in February of 1970.

In other areas a curriculum committee for the study of our mathematics program has been appointed. Members have been drawn from Tantasqua Regional High School and the elementary schools of Union # 61. This committee with the aid of consultants in the Mathematics field will study our entire Mathematics program from Grades 1-12 and present recommendations for complete articulation and specific improvements.

Independent Study: Together with our ungraded programs at Tantasqua, a new independent study program is emerging. Dedicated faculty members, interested students and administration are carefully studying the ramifications of this innovative program. Specific recommendations or suggestions for implementing this program are expected to be a very important part of the new decade.

Specific Needs: While much curriculum work has been completed, many specific areas of curriculum must receive attention within the coming year. Included are the following areas:

First, a program for the emotionally disturbed must be organized without delay. A recent change in State law makes this program mandatory whether we have a sufficient number of students or not.



Second, a program for the trainable mentally retarded should be offered as part of our Special Education program.

Third, a program for the physically handicapped although difficult to offer is needed within our district as we now transport children to Worcester to provide a proper educational atmosphere.

Fourth, transitional grades to provide flexibility in our program together with ungraded programs are extremely necessary and should be organized to stimulate and promote student progress.

However, none of these programs are possible with our present shortage of facilities to accommodate new programs.

In conclusion, my primary concern is the critical shortage of space necessary to house our students and our rapidly expanding educational program. We must provide additional buildings to permit the expansion and development of our educational program for all students. To ignore such a need is to deprive our children the education they need and deserve. The time to act is now. If we delay we must realize that children will be affected adversely.

Lastly, I thank each citizen for his support of our schools, each school committee member for his dedicated service and all faculty members for their assistance and dedicated service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roland W. Wilson,  
Superintendent of Schools



## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The elementary school had a record enrollment of 265 youngsters on opening day in September.

Grade 1	50 pupils	Mrs. Souliere Miss Riley
Grade 2	47	Mrs. Gendreau Mrs. Moore
Grade 3	52	Mrs. Kida Mrs. McDonald
Grade 4	37	Miss Carter Mrs. Hall
Grade 5	36	Mrs. Ahern Miss Spencer
Grade 6	43	Mr. Cohen Mr. LaDrew

The teaching staff at the elementary level comprises instructors in remedial reading, Title I Reading, Music, Art, Learning Disability, School Adjustment Counseling, Speech Therapy, and Instrumental Band, in addition to the regular full-time classroom teachers. Two part-time teacher aides complete the staff.

Remedial Reading	Mrs. Maloney
Title I Reading	Mr. Ferraro
Music	Miss Cote
Art	Mrs. Goodrich
Learning Disability	Mrs. Brandt Mrs. Griffin
School Adjustment Counselor	Mrs. McEachern

Speech Therapy

Mrs. Grimm

Instrumental Band

Mr. Mott

Teacher Aides

Mrs. Sullivan  
Miss Metcalf

Learning Disability Instruction and Speech Therapy are new areas in the curriculum this year, while the Science Curriculum in Grades 4-5-6 has been completely upgraded. Study Committees are now working toward improvement in the areas of Math and report cards.

Although the curriculum is constantly being studied and revised, a very basic problem still exists - a definite lack of necessary rooms for classes, small group instruction, and library, in addition to a core facility for group assemblies and large group instruction. This definite void continually defeats efforts at sound improvement in instruction.

Emphasis has been placed on those youngsters who are greatly below grade level in reading, and those youngsters who have missed skills necessary for successful reading. Many of these pupils leave their regular class each day to receive special help in these vital skills. Much progress has been seen in a majority of these cases.

The School library continues to be a successful tool in the curriculum as well as a place to open new ideas for boys and girls in general reading. The library is in its infant stage, to be sure; and future growth should see areas of audio-visual material incorporated into the library for use in individual and group research and instruction. All of these things, of course, demand space to house the facilities adequately, and personnel to run them efficiently, so that youngsters at all grade levels can use the library at any time during the day to help them expand their ideas and make school a really exciting place to be.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur H. Bush, Principal

## REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

This is my first year here with the elementary art program. This program is basically exploratory and experimental for the pupils in developing a broad understanding of the meaning of art on an intuitive level by the use of a varied art media. The students on the average are eager to try new and varied ways in expressing their own art. The program in art should be stressed as a source of intergration in the total personality of the child.

The cooperation of the school personnel has been wonderful and I look forward to a continuing rewarding program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary R. Goodrich,  
Art Supervisor

## REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

The music program at the elementary level consists of listening to recordings, performing with rhythm band instruments and singing and creating songs.

In Grades 1 - 3, an emphasis on the basics of musical theory is the initial means of developing the ability to read music and sing simple songs at sight. Recordings at this level are chosen for both quiet listening and rhythmic response in body movement.

In Grades 4 - 6, emphasis is on developing musical sensitivity making a song grow through the use of expression and dynamics. Songs at this level are sung in one, two and three parts. A tape recorder is used so that the students can critically appraise their own singing. The recordings chosen for this level are geared to developing an ability to recognize small and large forms in music as well as subtle nuances which distinguish good music.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miss Susan Cote,  
Music Supervisor



## RESOURCE LEARNING LABORATORY

Resource Learning Laboratory, a Title III project, is presently operating in its second year with total government funding. In an effort to bring about educational change, the Federal Government provides funds under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. This program known as PACE (Projects to Advance Creativity in Education) is intended to support vitally needed supplementary services and to encourage the development and application of new ideas in local school systems. As such a program, R-L-L is creating a learning laboratory in the Community.

R-L-L sponsors and directs a Summer Institute concerned with teaching strategies, curriculum materials and behaviors in the learning process. Emphasis is placed on utilization of the community as a "living laboratory" for learning. The 1969 Summer Institute involved 18 teachers from School Union # 61 as well as staff members from OSV. Participating teachers are:

Elizabeth Ahern	Brimfield Elementary
John Bell	Wales Elementary
Marcelle Closson	Burgess Elementary
Camille DeFoe	Burgess Elementary
Gloria Earls	Burgess Elementary
Kathryn Enright	Burgess Elementary
Albert J. George	Burgess Elementary
Mildred Jacques	Burgess Elementary
Robert E. Kida	Holland Elementary
Mary Moore	Brimfield Elementary
William Nieman	Burgess Elementary
Polly Rabinowitz	Burgess Elementary
Carolyn Riley	Brimfield Elementary
Constance Shumate	Burgess Elementary
Edward Shumate	Tantasqua Regional High School
Frances Souliere	Brimfield Elementary
Elizabeth Wells	Holland Elementary
William Woodard	Holland Elementary

Community resources for which materials have been developed are:

Old Sturbridge Village	
Harrington Hospital	Southbridge
American Optical Co.	Southbridge
Town Talk Bakery	Worcester
Prudential Center	Boston
Laughing Brook	Hampden
Plimoth Plantation	Plymouth



In addition to these resources, materials have been developed which demonstrate the use of the community in the teaching of map and globe skills.

Other field laboratories utilized are: The New England Aquarium, Museum of Fine Arts, Science Museum, The Children's Museum, Christian Science Monitor, and local and regional newspapers.

In total, 35 field-lab visits were planned by Resource Learning Laboratory during 1969.

Preliminary research results from R-L-L pilot studies indicate the value of this approach in the learning process.

During recent months, video tape equipment has been purchased by R-L-L. This equipment is presently being used in classrooms to train both student and teacher in the process of analyzing classroom behavior. For the first time, many students are able to view themselves on T.V. In some cases the equipment is used to tape on the air broadcasts for later viewing in the classroom. Longrange plans include the purchase of field equipment which will permit the video taping of field experiences for both recall and analysis.

Results of R-L-L studies have been reported at the American Educational Research Association meeting in Los Angeles, the National Council of Social Studies in Houston and the New England Educational Research Organization in Boston as well as to classes from Westfield State Teachers College, Boston College, Lesley College and Boston University. The pedagogical theory and application of such in R-L-L pilot studies have been applauded nationally.

R-L-L efforts are an example of the kind of creativity and innovation being implemented by Teachers in School Union # 61. As innovators, these teachers deserve encouragement and applause for they stand among the best in the country.

Mrs. Alberta Sebolt, Director

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

In the school health program we are endeavoring to make parents and children aware of the essential health habits that are necessary for each child to grow and develop as an individual in the most healthful environment, physically as well as mentally, that it is possible to provide.

This must mean that the school personnel and parents establish a good relationship through as much personal contact as possible.

Children who are not provided with a good basic diet and plenty of physical exercise as well as rest are not going to be able to achieve their potential scholastically. Unfortunately, too many times if a child is "not doing well in school" i.e. behavior wise or grade wise, there is a tendency to "blame" someone. This can never be done with true justification. There are so many factors that contribute to the making of a healthy individual both physically and mentally, that there can be no one person to "blame". Hence, we must look at all factors of the child's physical and mental environment in an effort to find a clue. Children are an image of the numerous adults with whom they come in contact daily. Our very deep responsibility, then, is to measure up to the example we are setting; a positive attitude rather than a negative. An "I can" approach rather than an "I can't".

Awareness, too, of what our children are doing. Attention, when it is necessary. Praise, when deserved, instead of constant criticism. Discipline and basic rules must never be overlooked, and, above all, kindness and courtesy at all times, even if they are smaller than we are.

All of these examples and so many more are essential if we are hoping to produce happy, healthy, mature adults willing to share the burdens of society with us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Lou Antonovitch, R.N.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT COUNSELOR

In the five schools of the Union there were approximately 100 referrals made during this past year. These referrals represent a variety of problems: academic, emotional, and chronic behavior. With a variety of problems there was a variety of needs: in some cases the need was merely one of evaluation; in some cases the work involved was considerable, with further referrals needed. The problems of these 100 students range in severity and complexity from opposite ends of a continuum. Occasionally, concern and assistance was needed for a school-age child who was not enrolled in the public school. By means of tests, classroom observations, interviews, individual history, conferences, and contributions of other specialists, the attempt is made to define the educational status of a student, including his assets, areas of difficulty, and attempts are made to identify the factors related to his difficulties as well as his successes. A program is then outlined based on the educational diagnosis, and aimed at improving the educational adjustment of the student. Steps taken may include selected teaching or tutoring, alterations in the classroom milieu in cooperation with teachers, placement in a special class, presentation of new experiences within the school life through efforts of school personnel, alteration of family attitudes and relationships through personal interviews, presentation of new experiences in the student's out-of-school life through the use of community resources, change in the student's attitudes and behavior through personal interviews, or a revised educational plan.

The five different schools within which the SAC must operate precludes the establishment of a clear and specific definition of duties and activities. How the SAC spends his time depends upon his background of experience, his training, the particular nature and requirements of the school system within which he works, and his own personality. Standards have to be constructed for himself in terms of the individual school environment.

The attitudes, the ideals, and the interests -- acquisitions which might be called "spirituals" -- which a child de-



velops in school are his most important learnings. For if we give a child competence of a high order, but do not help him develop love of learning, respect for himself and his fellow humans beings, courage, the desire for the beautiful, and the zest for living - then we fail in our most important responsibility.

Respectfully submitted  
Ernestine McEachern,  
School Adjustment Counselor

#### SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Last year was a successful year at the school cafeteria serving over 23,000 Type "A" lunches. Bread or rolls are baked nearly every day in our kitchen. Hoping to serve even more next year.

Alma Howlett,  
Supervisor



ENROLLMENT  
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1969

<u>Grade</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Spec. Ed.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Elementary	49	47	51	37	36	43	3	266
Tantasqua Reg. <u>High School</u>	7	8	9	10	11	12		
High School	42	52	36	22	32	22		206
Vocational			9	7	3	5		24
Total Enrollment								<hr/> 496

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Training</u>	<u>Yrs.Serv</u>	<u>Total Yrs</u> <u>Brimfield Service</u>
Superintendent	Roland W. Wilson	BS, MA, Worc. St; U conn.	2	19
Ass't Superintendent	Lester R. Aldrich	B.S.E., M.E., State College	0	27
Business Manager	William J. Utess	B.S., M.B.A., Am. Int. Coll.	2	2
<u>Elementary</u>				
Principal	Arthur H. Bush	B.A., M.A.; Boston Coll. Bridgewater St.	6	11
Grade I	Mrs. Frances Souliere	B.A., MED, Coll. of Our Lady of Elms	11	12
Grade I	Miss Carolyn Riley	A.B.T., Trinity Coll.	1	2
Grade II	Mrs. Florence Gendreau	Gorham St. Normal Sch	16	19
GradeII	Mrs. Mary Moore	Westfield State	7	7
Grade III	Mrs. Deborah Kida	A.B., Moorehead State	0	0
Grade III	Mrs. Mary McDonald	Westfield State	7	22
Grade IV	Miss Anne Carter	B.A., Northwestern State	0	0

Grade IV	Mrs. Margaret Hall	B. S., Bates Coll., Cornell	0	0
Grade V	Mrs. Elizabeth Ahern	Westfield State	4	4
Grade V	Miss Sandra E. Spencer	B. S.E., Bridgewater State	0	0
Grade VI	Allen E. Cohen	B. S., New York Univ.	1	1
Grade VI	Robert J. LaDrew	B.A., Eastern Baptist Coll.	0	2
Art	Mrs. Mary Goodrich	Univ. of H. H.	0	4
Music	Miss Susan Cote	B. A., Anna Maria Coll.	1	1
Remedial Reading	Mrs. Marion Maloney	Westfield State	12	21
Instrum. Music	David Mott	B.M., Berkee Sch. of Music	2	2
Speech Therapist	Mrs. Charlene Grimm	B. A., Eastern Ill. Univ.	0	2
Adjustment Counselor	Mrs. Ernestine McEachern	B.S., Miss. St.; M.S., Univ. Southern Miss.	3	11

# FINANCIAL SHEET FOR 1969

Appropriations	\$205,103.59
Expenditures:	
School Committee	467.58
Superintendent's Office	5,785.68
Instruction:	
Principal's Salary	9,712.16
Clerical Salary	1,256.64
Principal's Office - Other Expense	208.19
Teacher's Salaries	98,307.19
Supplies & Materials	3,082.71
Personnel Training	380.52
Special Ed. Class - Tuition	1,314.10
Travel, Art, Music, Reading	170.00
Textbooks	4,155.23
Library Services	281.38
Audio - Visual	1,944.62
Guidance Services	91.49
Other School Services:	
Adjustment Counselor Salary -	1,928.51
Adjustment Counselor Expense	90.41
Health Services	1,613.76
Pupil Transportation	34,556.35
Late Bus Transportation	3,155.90
Special Ed. Transportation	2,500.82
Field Trips	335.00
St. Chris. - Lunch Transportation	66.00
Student Body Activities	40.00
Operation & Maintenance of Plant & Equipment:	
Custodial Salaries	7,947.18
Supplies & Materials	1,062.26
Custodial Services - Adm. Off.	60.93
Heating	1,480.02
Utilities - School	1,763.29
Utilities - Adm. Off.	126.40
Maintenance of Grounds	199.80
Maintenance of Building	9,447.70
Maintenance of Equipment - School	558.40
Maintenance of Equipment - Adm. Off.	32.61
Replacement of Equipment - School	1,774.65
Replacement of Equipment - Adm. Off.	25.97



Fixed Charges:	
Insurance - Adm. Off.	20.11
Rent - Adm. Off.	222.96
Rent - St. Christopher's	1,000.00
Community Services:	
Health Services - Phy. Hand.Tuition	765.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets:	
NDEA	450.88
Equipment - School	2,027.33
Equipment - Adm. Off.	71.63
Library Equipment	825.66
Program with Other Dist. & Priv. Schools	1,698.11
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 203,005.13</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ 2,098.46
Estimated Reimbursements:	
General School Fund	\$61,000.00
Transportation	27,000.00
State Wards	800.00
Vocational Education	800.00
Special Education	1,400.00
Total Reimbursements	<u>\$91,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 203,005.13
Less Total Reimbursements	91,000.00
Cost to Taxpayer	<u>\$ 112,005.13</u>

## SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1970

Administration	\$ 8,046.82
Instruction	146,650.00
Other School Services	50,270.00
Operation of Plant	15,604.43
Fixed Charges	3,035.54
Community Services	500.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	4,448.46
Programs with Other Districts and Private Schools	4,500.00
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Total School Budget for 1970	\$ 233,055.25

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

With the approval of Town Counsel and the Selectmen, a School Building Needs Committee was appointed by the School Committee last spring. The purpose of the Building Needs Committee was to study the current and future school needs for the Town of Brimfield.

A detailed report was issued to the residents reflecting the findings of the Committee after lengthy investigations. On September 15, 1969, the Town voted to approve the recommendations of the Committee with respect to adoption of the regional middle school concept. Because of the lack of unanimity among the other towns of the region, a subsequent Town Meeting was held and at that time the regionalization approach was defeated.

This Committee was reappointed to investigate a local school building program. Visits have been made to other towns in both Massachusetts and Connecticut to view their solutions to similar problems. In addition, we have corresponded with and met with a number of contractors to explore a local building program.

At the time of this writing, we are about to meet with the School Building Assistance Bureau to discuss the feasibility of financial aid in such a construction project.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Hall, Chairman  
Robert R. VanBrocklyn, Secretary  
John O. Curtis  
Frederick T. Prentiss  
William F. Whitten

## REPORT OF THE BRIMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Following is my second annual report as Librarian of the Brimfield Public Library.

The past year has been one of growth for the Library, both in possessions and in use and service. Attendance and circulation of books has increased over 1968 - the attendance increasing by 511, and circulation by 1760. This fact has been a source of great satisfaction to your Librarian, for it means that the Library is offering books and services which are really wanted and used by the people of Brimfield.

A major improvement in the equipment of the Library has been accomplished this year by the installation of two sets of book shelves and the renovation of two others, to complete the refurnishing of the stack room. The new shelves replace two sets of metal frame stacks which were moved from the old library room in the Town Hall when the present building was completed in 1904. They not only improve the appearance of the stack room, but also provide a much needed increase in shelf space. The Trustees of the Lincoln Fund for Library maintenance contributed \$500.00 toward the cost of this project.

The Elementary School classes continue to be very much a part of the Brimfield Library in that their visits are looked forward to by pupils and Librarian alike. Since September, all of the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades have been coming quite regularly to the Library with their teachers, to borrow books and use reference materials. The younger classes come twice a year for story hours, to register for library cards and take out books. This fine cooperation between school and library is another source of satisfaction to your Librarian, for it brings to the Library many boys and girls who might otherwise never come, and it enables the town library to help in supplying some of the educational needs of Brimfield's young people.

In April, National Library Week was celebrated. Mr. Windholtz of the "Woodbine" was kind enough to allow



your Librarian to put an exhibit in one of the windows there - showing some of the many books, magazines, records and services available at the library. At the same time, the Elementary School classes made special visits to the Library and enjoyed story hours and a chance to get books.

Brimfield continues to be a member Library of the Central Massachusetts Regional Library at Worcester, and through this membership is able to borrow both books and films for specific individual needs. During 1969, 56 films and 50 books were borrowed for groups and individuals.

We were once again the recipient of gifts of records from RCA Victor - thus increasing our record collection by about 100. Many children's and Christmas records were included and they have been very popular. During the past year, 318 records have been borrowed.

The Library has received several books, given as memorial gifts, and the Garden Club made its annual gift of a beautiful Christmas wreath for the front door. We are most appreciative of these considerations.

The Brimfield Historical Society has made several additions to the working equipment of the Sherman Memorial Room, including an opaque projector for showing photographs with a portable stand and screen, and a photo-mounting press and cutting board. The Society has also provided for the expansion of the Brown-Corbin picture collection and the restoration of several valuable old books. All this was made possible by a gift to the Historical Society from a trust established by the late Miss Margaret Sherman.

An illuminated, hand-lettered memorial plaque in memory of Miss Sherman has been placed at the entrance to the Sherman Room by the library trustees through an appropriation from the Smith-Chamberlain Historical Fund. The plaque is the work of Mr. Charles DeLand, well known Brimfield artist.

The library continues to receive donations for the Sherman Room of documents, pictures, and various objects of historical interest. While these gifts can not be individually acknowledged in this report, they are all identified with the name of the donor and become a part

of the museum collection. Such donations add continually to the interest and significance of the collection and are very much appreciated.

The Library hours are:

Weds. and Sats.	1:30 - 5:30	7:30 - 9:00
Thurs.	1:30 - 5:30	

The Library telephone number is 245-3518. Please feel free to telephone for reference information or to renew books. Please remember also, that there is a book slot in the front door through which books may be returned when the Library is not open.

Once again I want to thank the Library Trustees for their help and cooperation, without which the Library could not have had such a successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet T. Brown  
(Mrs. Richard J. Brown)  
Librarian



DID YOU KNOW:

The rifles carried by the Brimfield Company in the War of 1812 were made in Brimfield by Luther R. Lamb and his successor, William Tucker, both widely known as superior gunsmiths?

## REPORT OF THE TRI-TOWN RECREATION COMMITTEE

This year the Recreation Committee supported the swimming program, Little League, and girls' softball teams.

Our softball team did not do as well this year as in the past because many of our seasoned players were unable to play, and the team lacked playing experience. The girls were enthusiastic, however, and we look forward to a better season this year. Unfortunately, much expenditure of our funds was for replacing softball equipment which was stolen from its storage area last spring.

The swimming program was attended by 78 children. Last summer we received an exemption from the Dept. of Natural Resources to eliminate their operation charge of 25¢ per child per day for groups using the State Parks. We do not know at this time if there will be a charge, but will apply again for exemption.

In August, in order to bolster our bending budget, we held our 1st Annual Ladies' Softball Game! One team was made up of ladies admitting to 40 plus and the other of those under 40. Admission was charged, refreshments were sold, and our budget was bolstered by over \$125.00. We understand both players and spectators really enjoyed the afternoon, and we will plan another this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne H. Dutka, Chairman  
Patricia G. Guild  
Edward Ahern



REPORT OF  
TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth - Chapter 128 - The Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture are empowered to receive, on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward helping to solve management problems, better living and better community service and have been ably assisted by hundreds of local volunteer leaders to this end.

A total expense of -- was incurred during the year for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects by the local leaders. The appropriation made by your town was used for only residents of the town.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1969 Appropriation	--
Total Expenditures in 1969	--
Recommended Appropriation for 1970	none

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees for County Aid  
To Agriculture

Albert H. Fuller  
Clerk



## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

During the past year nothing extraordinary occurred in the maintenance and care of the cemetery. As usual spring clean-up was a problem, but this was taken care of satisfactorily. The matter of obtaining maintenance personnel proved difficult and no relief is expected in this respect during 1970. However, we believe that the cemetery will be maintained in a satisfactory condition.

Our requested budget for the coming year is as follows:

Spring and fall clean-up	\$ 200.00
Machinery	100.00
Grave openings and foundations	900.00 *
Salaries	<u>300.00</u>
	\$1500.00

\*Returnable to Treasury

Respectfully submitted,

Cheney F. Newton, Chairman  
James A. Adams  
Everett D. Landen

## REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

This year we were able to have the services of the band from the Quaboag Regional High School from Warren for the program and parade.

We were fortunate to have as our speaker, John T. Leth-Steensen.

We wish to thank the Elementary School, the Kindergarten, and the Mothers' Club for their cooperation in the program. The Boy Scouts were very helpful in cleaning up around the Town Hall after the program. We were very grateful for their help and for all the persons who donated their time.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Skowyra  
Margaret Gilman  
Barbara Keith  
Albert Gendreau  
Florence Gendreau



### DID YOU KNOW:

The "Hitchcock Plow", extensively used in this and surrounding communities for over half a century, was designed and manufactured by Eaton Hitchcock of Brimfield, who made the first cast-iron plow known in this vicinity?

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met soon after Town Meeting and organized with

David Cheney, Chairman  
William Cruess, Vice-Chairman  
William D. Spooner, Secretary

During the year this committee, as well as the entire community, was saddened by the passing of our good friend and fellow member of long standing, Denzil Bagster-Collins. He will be remembered by the older members of the group as an able chairman and very accurate secretary, and the younger members will have already recognized his outstanding abilities and advice. He was a citizen and neighbor who will long be missed.

Mr. Harold E. Hitchcock was elected to fill the chair thus made vacant.

The amounts transferred from the Reserve Fund were:

Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 50.00
Selectmen's Account	450.00
Legal Fees Account	546.75
Moderator's Account	75.00
Finance Com. Expense Acct.	6.32
General Highways Acct.	4929.64
Town Common Account	59.80
Workmen's Comp. Account	323.00
Interest Account	250.84
Certifying Notes Acct.	1.00
Veteran's Benefits Acct.	<u>533.25</u>
Total Transferred	\$7225.60

This leaves a balance of \$274.40 in the Reserve Account for any emergencies which might have arisen in the entire accounts for the expenditures of the various town departments.

Your committee feels that the various departments tried well to stay within their voted allotments, the largest single transfer being to the General Highways Account, which, with the severe storms we have experienced, is very understandable.

Again we wish to emphasize the benefit of itemizing the expenses for each department in requesting the appropria-



tion for the ensuing year, as we can then pass on the requests in a much more intelligent manner.

Our recommendations for the Town budget will be found elsewhere in this report. It will be noted that no amount has been listed for the General Highways Account at this time, as we felt that a much more accurate amount could be determined by the date of the Annual Town Meeting, as the snows by that time would mostly (hopefully) be over. In the amount allotted for the use of the Fire Department, your committee frowned on the installation of radio alarms in selected homes throughout the town, preferring to rely on the fire siren and the possible additional use of phones. However, a majority of your committee did agree that a small amount should be allotted for the improvement of "water holes" at strategic places.

In going over the Town Warrant, we find that, as usual, most of the articles are routine, but there are some on which we find it necessary to comment.

With reference to Article 11, which concerns oiling roads, the Finance Committee approve this expenditure, assuming that this will be the first step in a long range program, looking forward to the point where all town roads have been hardened.

In line with holding down the coming expenses, we are again opposing the improvement of street lighting at this time.

Articles 24 and 25, referring to assessors maps and the State Assessment System, were explained to the Finance Committee by the Assessors too late for us to take any action before this report goes to press, but it was the definite feeling that the more we enter into agreements with "The State" the greater the complications and state rule with which we will find ourselves saddled. Also, the expenditure of \$15,000 would seem way out of line for the needs of this town.

On Articles 18, 19 and 20, referring to additional space at the elementary school, we took no action at this time as a new candidate for the School Committee expressed a desire to come in and talk with us before Town Meeting.

On Article 26, with reference to land damage on the Hollow Road, we have taken no action as yet, feeling that the



abutters would feel, as most have in the past, that their property would be improved by the betterment of the passing highway to a value far in excess of any so-called land damages.

With regard to any changes in the Zoning By-laws, it was the unanimous opinion of the members present that no changes should be made at this time. It would seem that the laws have not been in effect long enough to warrant throwing them out, and it would certainly seem that the increase in lot size is not warranted.

As for the request contained in Article 21, group insurance, we felt, the same as last year, that this coverage is not warranted, and essentially for the same two reasons: first, that very few Brimfield people would benefit thereby; and second, one clause of the law provides that once the law is accepted it can NEVER be revoked or recinded. The voters should also be warned that the question appearing on the ballot, concerning acceptance of Chapter 32-B of the General Laws, and written as specified in the General Laws, covers far more than the article, and if accepted by the voters, may require payment for much more than the article, as given, contemplates.

As in previous years, we wish to express our thanks for the cooperation extended by the various departments, and we would again warn the taxpayers that, with the recurring great increase in the school budgets, which are so nearly out of our control, taxes are bound to be much higher in 1970. Thus, any further increase in the appropriations will make those tax bills just that much higher.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

David L. Cheney, Chairman  
William J. Cruess, Vice-Chrmn.  
William D. Spooner, Secretary  
Noah Fountain  
Gerald A. Guild  
Harold E. Hitchcock  
Leo E. Lavigne  
Eugene Roberts  
Richard Souliere

# BUDGET ESTIMATES

	<u>Appro. 1969</u>	<u>Expended 1969</u>	<u>Req. 1970</u>	<u>Fin. Com. Rec. 1970</u>
Moderator -----	\$ 75.00)	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
F.C.	75.00			
Selectmen -----	2,300.00)			
F.C.	450.00			
Dog Warden -----	700.00	2,628.89	3,000.00	2,500.00
Town Accountant -----	1,350.00	595.00	700.00	600.00
Treasurer -----	1,300.00	1,225.17	1,350.00	1,350.00
Tax Collector -----	1,650.00	1,172.82	1,155.00	1,155.00
Assessors -----	2,250.00	1,448.50	1,550.00	1,550.00
Town Clerk -----	800.00	2,138.70	2,350.00	2,350.00
Finance Comm. -----	100.00	796.76	875.00	875.00
F.C.	6.32)			
Town Counsel & Legal Fees -----	500.00)	106.32	125.00	125.00
F.C.	546.75)			
Planning Board -----	100.00	1,046.75	1,100.00	500.00
Election & Registration -----	700.00	11.69	100.00	100.00
Town Hall -----	2,600.00	685.62	975.00	975.00
Constable Salaries -----	800.00	2,495.59	2,600.00	2,600.00
Police -----	800.00	400.00	500.00	-
Fire Department -----	6,208.00	800.00	900.00	900.00
Tree Warden -----	500.00	6,185.45	7,688.00	6,100.00
Insect Pest Control -----	840.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Civil Defense -----	-	675.00	840.00	785.41
General Health & Care of Dump -----	2,200.00	137.98	200.00	100.00
		1,981.39	2,200.00	2,200.00



Recreation Committee -----	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	400.00
Interest -----		5,000.00)				
F.C. -----		250.84		5,250.84		
Certifying notes -----		30.00)				7,500.00
F.C. -----		1.00		31.00		30.00
Reserve fund -----		7,500.00		7,225.60		8,000.00
F.C. -----		50.00				
Zoning Board of Appeals - Spec. T.M. -----		100.00)		74.19		100.00
Building Inspector -----						100.00
						<u>100.00</u>
Appropriated -----		520,312.29		543,719.75		586,670.37
						562,427.78
Other Sources -----		54,234.97				
						<u>562,427.78</u>
Total Available -----		574,547.26		543,719.75		562,427.78
						+ Gen'l. Hwy.

These figures are comparative for these items only and do not include some specific appropriations made under special articles in the Warrant.



TOWN WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss

TO THE TOWN CLERK of BRIMFIELD, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on MONDAY, the NINTH day of MARCH, 1970, at twelve (12) o'clock noon, to act on the following:

To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following town officers: A Moderator for one year; a Town Clerk for three years; a Treasurer for three years; a Tax Collector for three years; three Selectmen for one year each; an Assessor for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Board of Public Health for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; two Library Trustees for three years each; a Tree Warden for one year; one Harriet Harding Fund Trustee for three years; one member of the Planning Board for five years; one member of the Planning Board for one year; one Lincoln Library Fund Trustee for three years; also to vote "Yes" or "No" on any questions which may appear on said ballot.

The polls will open at twelve (12) o'clock noon and will close at eight (8) o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered after 7:00 P.M. on MONDAY, the SECOND day of MARCH, 1970.

AND, you are hereby further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on MONDAY, the SECOND day of MARCH, 1970 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following:

Article 1. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Article 2. To see what salaries the Town will allow its officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund, together with a sum of money to be raised by taxation to purchase compensation insurance for town employees.

Article 4. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1970 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 17, of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursements of allotments made by the State and County for highways, including bridges.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale, by posting such notice in some convenient public place of the Town, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town upon Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Selectmen, or whom ever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which them deem inadequate.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for Civil Defense, to be administered by the Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, (\$5750.00) for maintenance under Chapter 90, to be used with the sums allotted by the State and County for the purpose.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, (\$5500.00) for Chapter 90 Construction to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for the purpose.



Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000, to be administered by the Selectmen, to prepare and oil a section of unpaved public way, or take any other action thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account for the maintenance and care of Town Machinery for the coming year.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new truck (cab and chassis) for the use of the highway department, and determine whether the purchase price of                      shall be raised by taxation or appropriated from available funds, or a combination of both, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new plow for the use of the highway department, and determine whether the purchase price of                      shall be raised by taxation or appropriated from available funds, or a combination of both, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$332.54 received from the insurance carrier for repairs to the 1967 Chevrolet Truck, from the Insurance Reimbursement Account to the Machinery Account, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to apply toward the retirement of the balance of \$8622 remaining of the loan of \$11,496 for the purchase of a new fire truck, authorized by vote of the Town at the Annual Town Meeting March 4, 1968, or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will appropriate, for the use of the Library, the \$500.00 State Aid for the year 1970, to be paid to the Town by the State for that purpose.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase plans for an elementary school or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000.00 to be used to obtain preliminary plans for an addition to the Brimfield Elementary

School, said sum to be expended by a duly appointed School Building Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting, 1970, to appoint a School Building Committee of five (5) members; said Building Committee to act for the Town of Brimfield in the matter of building and equipping an addition to the Elementary School up to the point in such negotiations where preliminary plans are obtained and reported to the Town at a subsequent Town Meeting; or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to provide for contribution of 50% toward the payment of a plan of group term life and and group general or blanket hospital, surgical and medical insurance for certain persons in the service of the Town, in the event certain provisions of chapter 32-B are accepted by the Town, in accordance with the question appearing on the ballot for this March, 1970 Town Election, or take any action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to improve existing street lighting on Church Street and Brookfield Rd., at Route 20 intersection by removing the existing 1000-lumen lamp and installing one 7000-lumen MV lamp in front of the Hitchcock Academy Parking Lot and the removal of the 1000-lumen lamp on Pole #1 on the Brookfield Rd., and the installation of a 7000-lumen MV lamp in its place, or take any other action thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a piece of property adjacent to the north side of the Town Dump, consisting of 12 acres, more or less, presently owned by Father Raymond Potvin of Washington, D.C., the purpose of the purchase being expansion of the Town Dump, or take any other action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the preparation of assessors' maps, and authorize the Board of Assessors to enter into such a contract, all as provided for in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4, and determine whether the funds shall be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds in the treasury, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.



Article 25. To see if the Town will petition the State Tax Commission for the installation of the State Assessment System as provided in Section 7-A of Chapter 58, of the General Laws, or take any other action thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to pay land damages to property owners on the Hollow Road in connection with Chapter 90 Construction.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to repeal the zoning by-law passed at a special town meeting on June 19, 1968.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section V. of the zoning by-law by deleting the figures 18,750 in each instance under 'Area in Square Feet; and by deleting 100 feet and 125 feet in each instance in which they appear under 'frontage in feet' substituting 43560 for the 18750, and 125 feet for the 100 feet frontage, and 150 feet for the 125 feet frontage, so that the section will read in the first two columns:

SECTION F. INTENSITY REGULATIONS  
V-A                      Minimum Lot Dimension

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>Area in Sq. feet (a)</u>	<u>Frontage in feet (a)</u>
Residence	43560	125
Agricultural residence	43,560	125
Business	43,560	150
Industrial (New residential etc. etc.		

V-B                      Minimum Lot Dimension

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>Area in sq. feet (a)</u>	<u>Frontage in feet (a)</u>
Business	43,560	150
Industrial	62,500	250

or take any other action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning by-law by correcting the numbering and punctuation of Section IV and the punctuation of Section V as follows:

SECTION IV USE REGULATIONS.

IV-A Residential Districts

1.

e.

(4) - Change the (4) to

2. and remove parenthesis from sub-headings (a) and (b).

SECTION V INTENSITY REGULATIONS

V-A Remove all parenthesis from last four columns; stories, footages, percentages and area.

V-B Remove all parenthesis from last three columns; stories, footages and percentages.

or take any other action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$100.00) for the department of the Building Inspector and Zoning Officer, or take any other action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$100.00) for the Zoning Board of Appeals, or take any other action thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and to establish a conservation commission to promote the development of the natural resources of the Town, said commission of five members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The terms of the members of the commission shall be as follows: One member to serve for one year, two members to serve for two years and two members to serve for three years, their successors to be appointed for three years each, or take any other action thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the use of the Conservation Commission, or take any other action thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from the Sherman Lake Association for the purpose of snow removal on private streets in the Sherman Lake area, or take any other action thereon.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to use money contributed by the Sherman Lake Association for snow removal for that purpose under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the General Fund for snow removal upon private ways.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20.00 in the Cemetery Lot Account, received from the sale of cemetery lots, to the Cemetery Improvement Account.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$593.98 to satisfy an execution in behalf of the Springfield Hospital in their suit against the Town of Brimfield for medical services rendered to a welfare recipient.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay 1969 bills outstanding after January 10, 1970.

Article 40. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the various departments and activities of the Town, payment of debts and defraying of expenses of the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least three public places in the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the times and place of meeting and election aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of February, 1970.

Richard J. Erban

Richard C. Allen

Alice M. Adams

Selectmen of Brimfield

A true copy, ATTEST

Juliane L. Spooner  
Town Clerk



## GENERAL BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE 1

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Section 1. The following provisions shall constitute the General By-laws of the Town of Brimfield, which shall be in lieu of all By-laws heretofore in force.
- Section 2. The repeal of a by-law shall not thereby have the effect of reviving any by-law theretofore repealed.
- Section 3. Words and phrases specifying or naming any officer, board or committee of the Town, shall be construed as including the lawful successor, or the person or persons having the powers and performing the duties of such officer, board or committee.
- Section 4. When in a by-law anything is prohibited from being done without the license or permission of a certain officer, board or committee, such officer, board or committee shall have the right to license or permit such thing to be done.
- Section 5. Any or all of these by-laws may be repealed or amended or other by-laws may be adopted at any town meeting, an article or articles for that purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting by the Selectmen.
- Section 6. Whoever violates any of the provisions of these by-laws whereby any act or thing is enjoined or prohibited, shall, unless other provision is expressly made, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense.

### ARTICLE II TOWN MEETINGS

- Section 7. The annual business and appropriations meeting shall be held on the first Monday in March of each year, and shall begin at 7:00 P.M. and the annual town election shall be held on the second Monday in March.

- Section 8. The polls shall be opened at twelve o'clock noon and shall remain open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.
- Section 9. The officers of the Town to be elected at the annual election in the years in which the terms of the incumbents expire, with their terms of office, shall be as follows: A moderator for one year; three Selectmen for one year each; a Town Treasurer for three years; a Collector of Taxes for three years; a Town Clerk for three years; three Assessors for three years each, one to be elected annually; three members of the Board of Public Welfare for three years each, one to be elected annually; three members of the School Committee for three years each, one to be elected annually; five Constables for three years each; a Tree Warden for one year; six members of the Library Trustees for three years each, two to be elected annually; three members of the Cemetery Commission for three years each, one to be elected annually; three members of the Harding Fund Trustees for three years each, one to be elected annually; three members of the James D. Lincoln Library Fund Trustees for three years each, one to be elected annually.
- Section 10. Notice of every town meeting shall be given by posting attested copies of the warrant therefor in at least three public places in the Town, not less than seven days before the day fixed for such meeting.
- Section 11. At least seven days before the day fixed in the warrant for the annual town meeting, the Selectmen shall cause to be mailed to each occupied dwelling house in the Town a copy of the warrant and a copy of the annual town report.
- Section 12. At least five days before the day fixed in the warrant for any special town meeting, the Selectmen shall cause an outline of the warrant to be mailed to each occupied dwelling house in the Town.

Section 13. The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any town meeting shall be fifteen; provided, however, that a number less than a quorum may from time to time adjourn the same. This section shall not apply to such parts of meetings as are devoted exclusively to the election of town officers.

Section 14. Articles of the warrant shall be acted upon in the order in which they appear unless otherwise determined by vote of the meeting.

Section 15. Repealed March 2, 1964

Section 16. If a motion is susceptible of division, it shall be divided and the question shall be put separately upon each part thereof, if ten voters so request.

Section 17. When a question is before the meeting, the following motions, namely: to adjourn; to lay on the table; for the previous question; to postpone to a time certain; to commit, recommit or refer; to amend; to postpone indefinitely; shall be received and shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and the first three shall be decided without debate.

Section 18. On proposed amendments involving sums of money, the larger or largest amount shall be put to the question first, and an affirmative vote thereon shall be a negative vote on any smaller amount.

Section 19. Any person who is employed as an attorney by another interested in any matter under discussion at a town meeting shall disclose the fact of his employment before speaking thereon.

Section 20. When a question is put, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by the voices of the voters and the Moderator shall declare the vote as it appears to him. If the Moderator is unable to decide the vote by the sound of voices, or if his decision is immediately questioned by seven or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, he shall determine



the vote by ordering a show of hands and he may appoint tellers to make and return the count.

Section 21. The meeting may order that the vote on any motion shall be taken by a "yes" and "no" ballot.

Section 22. No vote of the meeting shall be reconsidered unless notice of intention to ask for reconsideration shall have been given within one hour after the vote to which such notice relates has been passed. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be reconsidered more than once; nor shall any vote be reconsidered on a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, or for the previous question.

Section 23. All committees shall report as directed by the Town. If no report is made within a year after its appointment, a committee shall be discharged unless, in the meanwhile, the Town shall have granted an extension of time.

Section 24. No motion the effect of which would be to dissolve the meeting, shall be in order until every article in the warrant therefor has been duly considered and acted upon, but this shall not preclude the postponement of consideration of any article to an adjournment of the meeting at a stated time and place.

Section 25. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk immediately after every town meeting to notify in writing all members of committees who may be elected or appointed at such meeting, stating the business upon which they are to act and the names of the persons composing the committees, and also to notify all officers, boards and committees of all votes passed at such meeting in any way affecting them.

### ARTICLE III FINANCE COMMITTEE

Section 26. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of nine legal voters of the Town, who shall be appointed by the Selectmen as hereinafter pro-



vided. No elective or appointive town officer or town employee shall be eligible to serve on said committee.

Section 27. The Selectmen of the Town, when this by-law is adopted, shall within thirty days after such by-law becomes effective, appoint three members of said committee for terms of one year, three members for terms of two years, and three members for terms of three years. At each annual town meeting thereafter the Selectmen shall appoint three members of said committee for terms of three years. The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon qualification and shall expire at the close of final adjournment of the annual town meeting at which their successors are appointed. Said committee shall choose its own officers and shall serve without pay, and it shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

Section 28. The said committee shall fill any vacancy which may occur in its membership, by vote attested copy of which shall be sent by the secretary to the Town Clerk. If any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of said committee, except in case of illness, his position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as herein provided. The term of office of any person so chosen to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding annual town meeting, and the Selectmen shall appoint his successor to complete the unexpired term of the member in whose office such vacancy originally occurred.

Section 29. All articles in any warrant for a town meeting shall be referred to the Finance Committee for its consideration. The Selectmen, after drawing any such warrant, shall transmit immediately a copy thereof to each member of said committee. Said committee shall, after due consideration of the subject matter of such articles, report thereon to the town meeting, in writing, such recommendations as it deems best for the interests of the Town and its citizens.

Section 30. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee annually to consider the expenditures in previous years and the estimated requirements for the ensuing year of the several boards, officers and committees of the Town, as prepared by them in such form and detail as may be prescribed by said committee. The said committee shall add to such statement of expenditures and estimates, another column giving the amounts which in its opinion should be appropriated for the ensuing year, and shall further add thereto such explanations and suggestions relating to the proposed appropriations as it may deem expedient, and report thereon as provided in section twenty-nine.

Section 31. In the discharge of its duty, said committee shall have free access to all books of records and accounts, bills and vouchers on which money has been or may be paid from the town treasury. Officers, boards and committees of the Town shall, upon request, furnish said committees with facts, figures and any other information pertaining to their several activities.

Section 32. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to make an annual report of its doings, with recommendations relative to financial matters and the conduct of town business, to be contained in the annual town report.

#### ARTICLE IV FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Section 33. An audit of the accounts of the Town shall be made annually under the supervision of the State Division of Accounts, as provided by section thirty-five of Chapter forty-four of the General Laws.

Section 34. Each officer, board or committee authorized to spend money shall, on or before December twentieth of each year, transmit to the Town Accountant all unpaid bills outstanding as of that date.

Section 35. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Selectmen shall have custody of bonds, deeds, contracts, insurance policies and other similar documents owned by the Town.

Section 36. The Town Accountant shall prescribe the methods of accounting and the forms to be used by the several officers, boards and committees of the Town pertaining to their receipts and disbursements, and shall provide that such methods and forms shall conform to the requirements prescribed by law or any rules or regulations made thereunder.

Section 37. Every officer shall pay into the Treasury of the Town all amounts received by him on behalf of the Town, except as otherwise provided by law, and shall make a true return thereof to the Town Accountant, stating the accounts upon which such amounts were received.

#### ARTICLE V CONTRACTS BY TOWN OFFICERS

Section 38. No town officer and no salaried employee of the Town, or any agent of any such officer or employee, shall receive any compensation or commission for work done by him for the Town, except his official salary and fees allowed by law, without the premission of the Selectmen expressed in a vote which shall appear on their records with the reasons therefor.

Section 39. No board or officer shall make any contract in behalf of the Town, the execution of which shall necessarily extend beyond one year from the date thereof, except as otherwise provided by law, unless specific authority to do so has been given by vote of the Town.

#### ARTICLE VI LEGAL AFFAIRS

Section 40. The Selectmen shall be agents of the Town to institute, prosecute, defend and settle any and all claims, actions and proceedings to which the Town is a party or in which the interests of the Town are or may be involved.

Section 41. The Selectmen in their annual report shall state what actions have been brought against and on behalf of the Town, what cases have



been compromised or settled, and the current standing of all suits at law involving the Town or any of its interests.

Section 42. The Selectmen shall annually in March, after final adjournment of the annual town meeting, appoint a member of the bar in good standing, to serve as Town Counsel for the term of one year from the first day of April following and until his successor is appointed and enters upon the performance of his duties. They shall likewise fill any vacancy in said office for the unexpired term, and may employ special counsel to assist the said Town Counsel whenever, in their judgement, necessity therefor arises.

Section 43. It shall be the duty of the Town Counsel to conduct the prosecution, defense or compromise of claims, actions and proceedings to which the Town is a party, and the prosecution of actions or proceedings by or on behalf of any town officer, board or committee as such; to conduct the defense of any action or proceedings brought against any town officer, board or committee as such, when the Selectmen, having determined that any right or interests of the Town are or may be involved therein, shall so request; to conduct proceedings brought by or against the Assessors before the Board of Tax Appeals; to assist in the prosecution of complaints for violation of any by-law of the Town, when requested so to do by the board or officer enforcing the same; to examine and report upon titles to all land to be acquired by the Town; to prepare or approve contracts, bonds, deeds and other legal instruments in which the Town is a party or in which any right or interests of the Town is involved; to appear at any and all hearings on behalf of the Town whenever his services may be required; and generally to advise and act for the town officers, boards and committees upon and in legal matters touching the duties of their respective offices.



## ARTICLE VII RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 44. All officers, boards and committees of the Town, shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books. Said books shall be kept in their respective places in the town offices, or in their respective offices at home. Said books shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be open to public inspection at any reasonable time, but shall remain during such inspection under supervision of the officer, board or committee having custody thereof.

Section 45. All officers, boards, standing committees and special committees of the Town having charge of the expenditure of town money shall annually report thereon in writing in such manner as to give the citizens a fair and full understanding of the objects and methods of such expenditures, referring, however, to the report of the Town Accountant for statements in detail of receipts and payments, and may make therein such recommendations as they deem proper. Such reports shall be submitted to the Selectmen for inclusion in the annual town report on or before the fifteenth day of January each year.

Section 46. The annual report shall contain, in addition to the reports of officers, boards and committees as hereinbefore provided, a detailed report of all moneys received into and paid out of the town treasury in the financial year next preceding showing separately payments made from the proceeds of loans as capital outlays for permanent improvements; the report of the Collector of Taxes, of receipts, payments and abatements; statements of all funds belonging to the Town or held for the benefit of its inhabitants; a statement of the liabilities of the Town on bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or otherwise, and of indebtedness authorized but not incurred, and of the purposes thereof; a statement of transfers made to or from any appropriation; abstracts

of the records of the meetings of the Town held since publication of the last annual report; and such other matters as the said report is required by law to contain, or as may be inserted by the Selectmen under discretion granted them by law.

Section 47. The Selectmen, or the Town, may direct that the Assessors' valuation list, the by-laws and the standing votes of the Town, and the rules or regulations adopted by any officer, board or committee, be printed either separately or as part of the annual town report.

## ARTICLE VIII JUNK YARD LICENSES

Section 1. The Selectmen may in their discretion grant licenses to suitable persons to be collectors of, dealers in or keepers of establishments for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second hand articles and may make rules and regulations relative to their business, and may provide for the supervision thereof, and may make additional rules, regulations and restrictions which shall be expressed in all licenses, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 54 and 55 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

## ARTICLE IX PLANNING BOARD BY-LAW

Section 1. A Planning Board is hereby established under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81A with all the power and duties therein.

Section 2. The Planning Board shall consist of five members to be elected by ballot at the annual town meeting of 1958, one for a term of five years, one for a term of four years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of one year, and thereafter by ballot and in accordance with provisions of the statute.

Section 3. There is hereby established a board of Appeals of three (3) members and two (2) associate members to be appointed by the Selectmen, as provided in the General Laws, which shall act on all matters within its jurisdiction under this By-law in the manner prescribed in the General Laws.

Boston, Mass., January 15, 58  
The within by-laws are hereby approved.  
(Signed) George Fingold  
Attorney General

ARTICLE X  
ZONING BY-LAW      Adopted 6/19/68  
   Approved 9/12/68

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ARTICLE XI  
UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE BY-LAW

- Section 1. No more than one unregistered motor vehicle, assembled or disassembled, shall be kept, stored or allowed to remain on a parcel of land except by a person duly licensed under General Laws, Chap. 140, Section 59 and except as provided in Section 2 of this by-law.
- Section 2. The Board of Selectmen may issue a permit to keep, store or allow two or more of such vehicles to remain on a parcel of land after said Board has held a public hearing thereon, first causing notice of the time, place and subject matter of such hearing to be given, at the expense of the applicant, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation, at least ten days in advance of the date of the hearing. Said board shall not issue such a permit unless it finds that the presence of such vehicles on such parcel (1) will not nullify or substantially derogate from the intent or purpose of this by-law, (2) will not constitute a nuisance and (3) will not adversely affect the neighborhood in which such parcel is situated.

- Section 3. Each such permit shall (1) specify the maximum number of such vehicles that may be kept, stored or allowed to remain on such parcel, (2) be limited to a reasonable period of time and (3) be a personal privilege of the applicant and not a grant attached to and running with the land.
- Section 4. This by-law shall not apply to vehicles which are (1) stored within an enclosed building, or (2) designed and used as vehicles for farming, agricultural or construction purposes. Any junk cars not visible from the road shall be exempt from the terms of this by-law.
- Section 5. Any person who continues to violate the provisions of this by-law after 30 days following receipt by him of written notice of such violation from the Board of Selectmen shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense. Each day that any violation is allowed to continue after said thirty day period shall constitute a separate offense.

Approved April 18, 1969  
Robert H. Quinn,  
Attorney General



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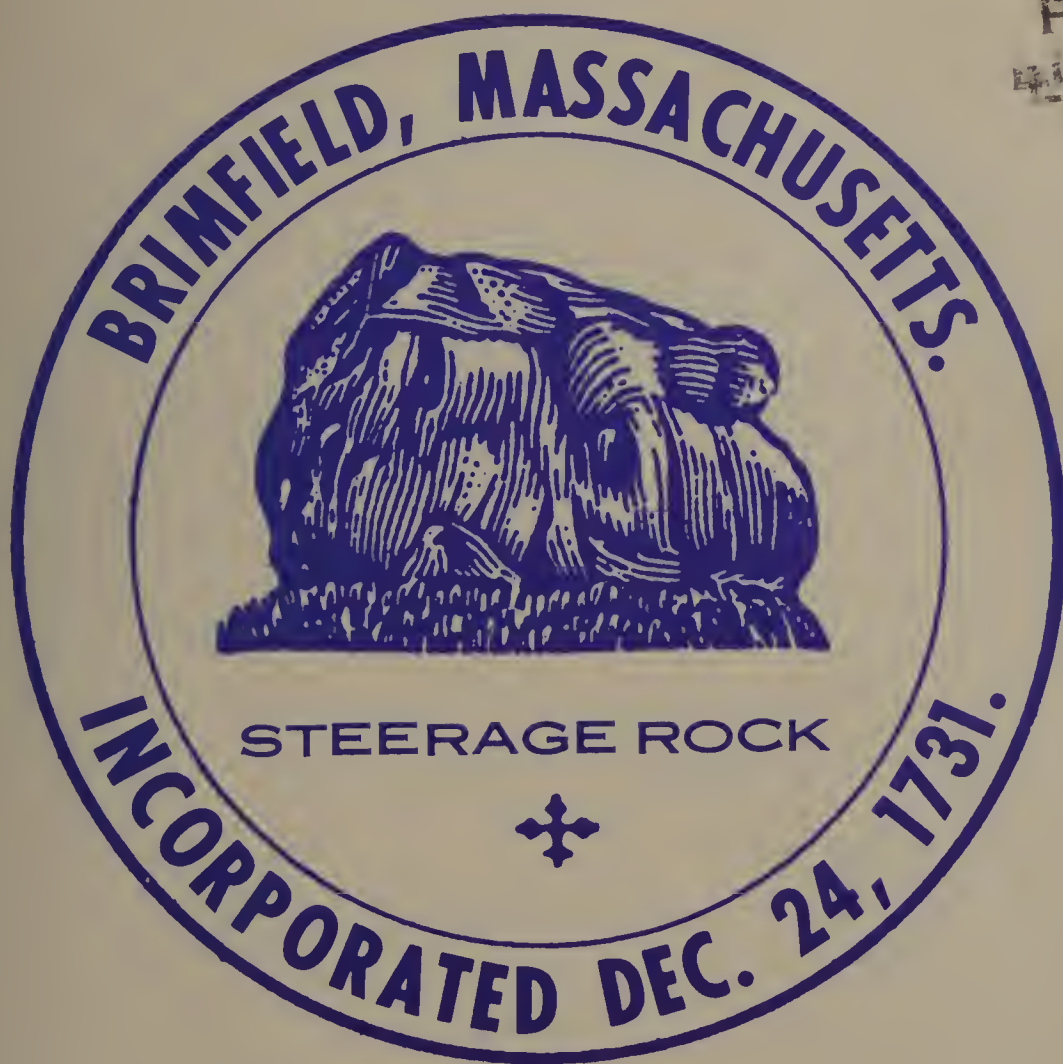
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## **BRIMFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**1970**

### **FOREWORD**

The residents of Brimfield are encouraged to read, study and question this Annual Report for 1970, reflecting the activities, growth and progress of the Town. They are invited to call upon town officers and departments for any further information desired.

## GOVERNMENTAL INFORMATION

### Brimfield is included in the:

Second Congressional District  
Seventh Councillor District  
Worcester - Hampden - Hampshire Senatorial District  
First Hampden Representative District

### U. S. Senators are:

Edward T. Kennedy, Boston  
Edward W. Brooke, Newton

### Congressman, 2nd District is:

Edward P. Boland, Springfield

### State Senator is:

Philip A. Quinn, Spencer

### Representative to General Court is:

Alexander Lolas, Monson

### County Commissioners are:

William F. Stapleton, Holyoke  
Stephen A. Moynahan, Longmeadow  
Armando G. Dimauro, Springfield

### Democratic Town Committee:

Margaret L. Gilman, Chairman  
Ann Stanley, Secretary  
Neil Haley, Treasurer

### Republican Town Committee:

Roderick P. Murphy, Chairman  
Frederick T. Prentiss, Vice-Chairman  
Stephen McNamara, Secretary-Treasurer

Population	1,907
Voters	917
Republicans	188
Democrats	157
Independents	572

**TOWN OFFICERS — 1970**

**Town Clerk**

	Term Expires
Juliane L. Spooner .....	1973

**Moderator**

Robert L. Roy .....	1971
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**Treasurer**

Clarence H. Keith .....	1973
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**Tax Collector**

Barbara W. Keith .....	1973
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**Selectmen**

Alice M. Adams, Chairman .....	1971
Richard C. Allen .....	1971
Richard E. Souliere .....	1971

**Assessors**

Andrew W. Gondek .....	1973
Charles W. Sherman .....	1972
John M. Haley .....	1971

**School Committee**

Carl L. Stearns .....	1973
John O. Curtis .....	1972
Teresa Van Wagner .....	1971

**Tantasqua Regional District School Committee**

Arnold R. Beaton .....	1972
Johnstone Prescott .....	1972

**Board of Public Health**

Alice B. Matheson .....	1973
John L. Sherman, Resigned .....	1972
Louis H. Lavoie appointed to March 1971	
Theodore Steensen .....	1971

**Cemetery Commission**

	Term Expires
Cheney F. Newton .....	1973
Everett D. Landen .....	1972
James A. Adams .....	1971

**Library Trustees**

Olive D. Weston .....	1973
Roger W. Bennett .....	1973
John O. Curtis .....	1972
Bertha Osterheld .....	1972
Lester W. Parker .....	1971
Ethel E. Spooner .....	1971

**Tree Warden**

James A. Adams .....	1971
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**Constables**

Robert J. Cutler .....	1971
Arthur J. Moreau .....	1971
William Roberts .....	1971
John H. Stanton .....	1971
Brian N. Haley .....	1971

**Trustees – Harriet Harding Fund**

Edward J. Killian .....	1973
Alfred Wigglesworth .....	1972
Fenton A. Hastings .....	1971

**Planning Board**

Robert Christo .....	1975
Louis Flowers .....	1974
Donald Spear, Resigned .....	1973
Francis Henderson appointed to March, 1971	
Roger G. Sullivan .....	1972
William Roberts .....	1971

**Trustees – Lincoln Library Fund**

Roger W. Bennett .....	1973
Cheney F. Newton .....	1972
Everett D. Landen .....	1971



## APPOINTIVE TOWN OFFICERS – 1970

### Town Accountant

	Term Expires
Joseph Dmuchovsky .....	1972

### Chief, Fire Department and Forest Warden

Robert L. Hanna .....	1971
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### Inspector of Barns and Animals

Earl Van Wagner .....	1971
Arthur J. Moreau .....	1971

### Inspector of Slaughtering

Office discontinued by General Laws 1970

### Superintendent of Streets

Real J. Poirier .....	1971
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### Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Edward J. Killian .....	1971
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### Agent, Board of Health

Lyman Stanton (for inspections) .....	1971
Marylou Antonavitch, R. N. ....	1971

### Veteran's Agent

Richard N. Bilodeau .....	1971
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### Community Service Board

Carolyn Van Brocklyn .....	1971
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### Measurer of Wood and Bark

J. Frederick Lawrence .....	1971
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### Dog Officer

Arthur J. Moreau .....	1971
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### Field Drivers

	Term Expires
Brian Haley .....	1971
Neil Stalker .....	1971
Fenton Hastings .....	1971

### Fence Viewers

Brian Haley .....	1971
Franklin Smith .....	1971
Neil Stalker .....	1971

### Town Counsel

Albert B. Cook .....	1971
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### Finance Committee

Gerald Guild .....	1973
William Spooner .....	1973
Harold E. Hitchcock .....	1973
William J. Cruess, Resigned .....	1972
Eugene Roberts .....	1972
David L. Cheney .....	1972
Leo E. Lavigne .....	1971
Noah D. Fountain .....	1971
Richard Souliere, Resigned .....	1971
Richard Erban, appointed	

### Jury List

Gus K. Pappas .....	Drawn 11/4/70
James E. McIntyre .....	1973
Stanley C. Bigda .....	1973
Sherman W. Boutwell .....	1973
Arthur E. Brown .....	1973
D. Walker Cheney .....	1973
William B. Cox .....	1973
George L. Gregory .....	Drawn 11/30/70
Richard E. Jones .....	1973
Lester H. Sheldon .....	1973
Emilie Bagster-Collins .....	Drawn 11/30/70
Emily E. Spear .....	1973
Clara B. Sturtevant .....	1973
Theodore Closson .....	Drawn 9/4/70
Real Poirier .....	1972
John F. T. Collins .....	Drawn 10/5/70

Robert Christo .....	Drawn 10/5/70
Robert MacConnell, Jr. ....	Drawn 8/18/70
Arnold Beaton .....	1971
George Gross .....	Drawn 8/18/70

**Registrars**

	Term Expires
Grace Stuart .....	1973
Margaret V. McIntyre .....	1972
Margaret Gilman .....	1971

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Wayne Barr .....	1973
Lester Dutka .....	1972
Theodore W. Skowyra .....	1971

**Associate Members**

Llewellyn B. Norton .....	1972
George C. Gross .....	1971

**Building Inspector and Zoning Officer**

Stephen McNamara, Resigned .....	1971
Donald Spear, Appointed	

**Civil Defense Director**

C. Kenneth Silvius .....	1971
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**Tri-Town Recreation Committee**

Anne H. Dutka, Resigned .....	1970
Leonard Muska, Appointed	
Patricia Guild .....	1970
Edward J. Ahern .....	1970

**Planning Board – Board of Appeals**

Donald Moriarty .....	1973
Stanley Vaill .....	1972
D. Walker Cheney .....	1971

**Associate Members**

August DeMiranda .....	1972
Robert Sturtevant .....	1971

### School Building Committee

	Term Expires
William Hall .....	1971
Robert Van Brocklyn .....	1971
Frederick Prentiss .....	1971
John O. Curtis .....	1971
William Whitten .....	1971

### Industrial Commission

#### Members of the Planning Board

### Conservation Commission

Glenn McIntyre .....	1973
Sherman Boutwell .....	1973
David C. Williams .....	1972
Maurice St. Clair .....	1972
William B. Cox .....	1971

### Memorial Day Committee

Albert Gendreau .....	1971
Florence Gendreau .....	1971
Margaret Gilman .....	1971
Barbara Keith .....	1971
Theodore W. Skowyra .....	1971

### By-Law Committee

Theodore W. Skowyra .....	1971
George B. Adams .....	1971
Andrew W. Gondek .....	1971

### Caretaker at Dump

Lyman Stanton .....	1971
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### Gas Inspector

Merritt Hyatt .....	1971
R. F. D. 1, Palmer, Massachusetts	

### Caretaker at Common

L. Victor Howlett .....	1971
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## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### Licenses issued for the Division of Fisheries and Game:

- 160 Resident Fishing
- 85 Resident Hunting
- 92 Resident Sporting
- 29 Resident Minor Fishing
- 49 Resident Female Fishing
- 10 Special Non-Resident Fishing
- 15 Non-Resident Fishing
- 5 Non-Resident Hunting
- 5 Duplicate licenses
- 14 Archery Stamps
- 23 Resident Sporting (Free)
- 6 Military Sporting (Free)

### DOGS LICENSED

170 Male @2.00	\$340.00
60 Female @ \$5.00	300.00
82 Spayed Female @ \$2.00	164.00
14 Kennel @ \$10.00	140.00
1 Kennel @ \$50.00	50.00
	<u>\$994.00</u>
Less Clerk's Fees - 327 @ 25¢	<u>81.75</u>
Balance paid to Treasurer	912.25

### BRIEF ABSTRACT OF DOG LAWS:

The owner or keeper of any dog three months old or over must have said dog licensed. Licenses are due and payable on or before March 31st of each year. Whoever violates the provisions of the dog laws shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$15.00.

## BIRTHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
1970		
January		
9	Rebecca Mae Nacsin	Joseph D. Nacsin, Sr. and Shirley E. Meyrick
19	-----Altomonte	John A. Altomonte and Patricia Feibel
20	Helen Ruth Mandigo	Ronald J. Mandigo and Ruth H. Bryant
March		
27	Lisa Marie Goodspeed	Walter W. Goodspeed, Sr. and Pearl M. Dunican
April		
9	Michael William Rossi	Earl J. Rossi and Nancy H. Jensen
May		
4	Frank Robert Methot, Jr.	Frank R. Methot and Beverly D. Smart
5	Kirsten Lyn Hanna	Robert L. Hanna and Janet Anderson
10	Kimberly Louise Richard	Alexander J. Richard and Janet Lois Washington
13	Richard Alan Morris, Jr.	Richard Alan Morris and Sandra J. Pauly
16	Lisabeth Ann Rice	Thomas W. Rice and Lois A. Pearl
17	Cullen Ingalls Castendyk	Alfred Christian Castendyk and Nancy J. Pratt
30	Kelly Ann Sullivan	Thomas V. Sullivan and Phyllis E. Claremont
June		
2	Leonard Allen Cimicud	Peter P. Cimicud and Ruth A. Skenandore
9	Cindy LuAnn Lawrence	Cheney L. Lawrence and Patricia J. Orłowski
22	David Jonathan Cook	Lucius J. Cook and Marjorie A. Hany
July		
14	Darlene Ann Walch	Richard C. Walch and Yvonne M. Vermette

18	Kevin Paul Casavant	Julien J. Casavant and Diane J. Raymond
August		
3	Christopher James Falcone	James M. Falcone and Judith E. Tate
4	Kimberly Patricia Demetrius	Norris U. Demetrius and Irene C. Morin
29	Michelle Rene Lavoie	Louis H. Lavoie and Lorraine I. Huntley
September		
14	Jeffrey Theodore Hastings	Jeffrey C. Hastings and Janet L. LaChapelle
20	Jodi Lynn Dufresne	Bruce A. Dufresne and Sharon R. Walker
26	Robin Jean Shelton	William R. Shelton Lois J. Lawrence
October		
8	Michael Anthony Ross	Lucien W. Ross and Sandra A. Cote
23	Robert William Gibson	David A. Gibson and Marilyn A. Wilson
November		
10	Kathryn Germaine Gauvin	Armand Gauvin and Karin A. Lemon
16	Vikki Jeanne Stearns	Lawrence P. Stearns and Susan J. Clark
December		
4	James Michael Keough	Thomas M. Keough and Edith G. Mackechnie
29	Mark Texas Terrill, Jr.	Mark T. Terrill and Sally Ann Dionne

DEATHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>Days</u>
1970				
January				
9	Marguerite Judd (Avery) Bradley	85		
17	Samuel H. Adams	77	8	14
19	Boy Altomonte			5 hrs.47min.
February				
8	Frank J. Hall	68		
March				
7	Albert R. Hastings	75	7	26
May				
10	Louis Tessier	85		
19	Alice Mae (Oulton) Reid	68	2	9

June				
11	George Wayne	83		
July				
4	Robert John MacConnell	67	2	15
August				
21	Konstanty Drag	90		
September				
28	Elsie May (Walker) Thibeault	60	8	16
November				
1	George Oliver	82	6	29
1	Cherra (Cook) Pleu	79	7	19
December				
4	Thor Edward Christiansen	66		
7	Albina M. (Manseau) Brunelle	72		

### MARRIAGES RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
1970				
January				
22	Eugene F. Martin	Brimfield	Jo-Ann Blais	Southbridge
24	Charles H. Adams	Springfield	Helen I. Guillette	Palmer
7	Robert Szenkum	Springfield	Concetta R. Galipeau	Holland
7	Bruce A. Dufresne	Brimfield	Sharon R. Walker	Brimfield
7	William C. Goddard, III	Brimfield	Beverly A. Arel	Southbridge
22	George S. Boutwell	Brimfield	Judith A. Pokraka	Webster
April				
11	Henry G. Bachand	Sturbridge	Marilyn A. Barnes	Brimfield
May				
2	Donald Swentinckus	Springfield	Bonnie L. Cote	Brimfield
9	Donald Hufault	Brimfield	Barbara B. Moulton	Brimfield
16	Robert K. Mase	Spencer	Tina G. Stanton	Brimfield
June				
20	Martin H. Greany	Three Rivers	Suzanne M. Towns	Wales



27	Rene R. Lajeunesse	Chicopee Fls.	Rosemary Barrett	Holland
July 27	Henry G. Robbins	Brimfield	Doreen C.A. Turenne	Brimfield
August 8	Dana B. Hawes	E.Hartford, Ct.	Laura F. Herman	Holland
15	Lee W. Adams	Brimfield	Priscilla J. Sherman	Brimfield
22	Lee W. Stone	Holland	Diane Mercure	Sturbridge
29	Robert Martin	Holland	Kathy Bryan	Stafford Sp. Ct.
29	Michael P. Koprowski	Ft. Benning, Ga.	Karolyn K. Gondek	Brimfield
September 5	Mark T. Terrill	Brimfield	Sally A. Dionne	Sturbridge
October 2	Gregory C. Lane	Brimfield	Felicia M. Kapinos	Bondsville
3	Charles E. Parker	Abington, Ct.	Betty J. Worcester	Brimfield
10	Edmund G. Langlois	Charlton City	Lee Marie Jolin	Holland
24	Albert E. Bacon	Springfield	Ann Marie V. Corbin	Holland
November 25	David J. Charron	Brimfield	Carolyn M. Meacham	Warren
25	Stephen L. Lorch	Southbridge	Diann A. Gregoire	Holland
28	Jerome B. O'Connor	Brimfield	Sharon A. Mulvenna	Westfield
December 12	Raymond R. Johnson	Holland	Christina R. Huffman	Holland
31	Paul R. Duquette	Ludlow	Lorraine R. Stanton	Brimfield



Did You Know . . .

that Brimfield has 63.7 miles of roads to plow and maintain?

## ABSTRACTS OF ACTION TAKEN DURING 1970 TOWN MEETINGS

March 9, 1970 - Election of officers as per recent by-law change.

March 2, 1970 - Annual Appropriations Meeting.

Article 1. Accepted reports of Town Officers.

Article 2. Voted to give town officers same salaries as 1969, except that Constables receive none, and Assessors be considered under Art. 25.

Article 3. Voted \$1321.00 for Compensation Insurance (\$1000.96 from Comp.Ins.Fund, \$308.84 from Comp. Ins. Dividend Acct, \$11.20 to be R&A).

Article 4. Voted to turn Dog Fund (\$515.49 over to Library).

Article 5. Voted to authorize Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

Article 6. Voted to authorize Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursements.

Article 7. Voted to authorize Selectmen to sell at auction tax title property.

Article 8. Voted to R & A \$100 for Civil Defense.

Article 9. Voted to R & A \$5750 for Chap. 90 Main.

Article 10. Voted to R & A \$5500 for Chap. 90 Const.

Article 11. Voted to R & A \$2000 to surface a section of unpaved way.

Article 12. Voted to transfer \$4,520.93 from Mach.Fund to Machinery Account.

Article 13. Voted not to purchase a new truck.

Article 14. Voted not to purchase a new plow.

Article 15. Voted to transfer \$332.54 from Ins. Reimbursement Acct. to Machinery Account.

- Article 16. Voted to R & A \$2874 for fire truck and renew note for balance - \$5748.
- Article 17. Voted to appropriate \$500.00 State Aid to Libraries for 1970 for use of library.
- Article 18. Voted to R & A \$7500 for plans for an elementary school.
- Article 19. Voted to expend no money for plans for addition to elementary school.
- Article 20. Voted that moderator appoint the five members of School Bldg. Needs Committee as School Building Committee to obtain plans and report at subsequent town meeting.
- Article 21. Voted to spend no money for municipal employees insurance.
- Article 22. Voted to spend no money on street lights near Hitchcock Academy.
- Article 23. Voted to R & A \$750 for purchase of property next to dump.
- Article 24. Voted to spend no money for Assessors' maps.
- Article 25. Voted to increase Assessors salaries to \$300 each and to add \$100 to budget appropriation for State Assessment System.
- Article 26. Voted to spend no money for land damages on Hollow Road.
- Article 27. Voted to take no action on repeal of zoning by-law.
- Article 28. Voted not to increase minimum lot size to one acre.
- Article 29. Voted to take no action with reference to correcting zoning by-law punctuation, etc.
- Article 30. Voted to R & A \$100.00 for Zoning Officer's dept.
- Article 31. Voted to R. & A. \$100 for Zoning Board of Appeals.



Article 32. Voted to accept Sec. 8C of Chapter 40 to establish Conservation Commission.

Article 33. Voted to R & A \$100.00 for Conservation Commission.

Article 34. Voted to R & A \$300.00 toward snow removal by Sherman Lake Assn., on their private roads.

Article 35. Voted to take no action on using funds contributed by Sherman Lake Assn.

Article 36. Voted no action on \$500. contribution by Sherman Lake Assn., which had already been returned to them.

Article 37. Voted to transfer \$20.00 in Cemetery Lot Acct. to Cemetery Improvement Account.

Article 38. Voted to spend no funds as Dept. of Public Welfare has paid this execution.

Article 39. Voted to spend no money for outstanding 1969 accounts as there are none.

Article 40. Voted to R & A amounts specified in the budget except that Selectmen's Account be \$2700; Assessors \$3350; General Highways \$16,000; Town Reports \$998.50; Reserve Fund \$10,000; Constables expenses \$200.00; Fire Dept. \$7688; and \$46848 of Grammar School Budget be taken from available funds.

Article 41. Voted to put no money in Stabilization Fund.

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March 17, 1970 - a recount was held on the acceptance of Chap. 32B (Contributory BX & BS) which showed no change and Chapter has been accepted by town. Question was on ballot for Annual Election.

March 30th - a special election for school committee was held, the two candidates being tied at Annual Election.

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May 26, 1970 - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

- Article 1. Voted to take no action on public address system for Town Hall.
- Article 2. Voted to R & A \$200 to set boundary pins on Hollow Road.
- Article 3. Voted to R & A \$3000 for Highway Repair Account.
- Article 4. Voted \$3662.12 of Chap. 768 (Acts of 1969) funds for reconstruction of Dunhamtown-Brimfield Rd.
- Article 5. Voted no action under this article which is combined with Article 6 for action.
- Article 6. Voted to appropriate \$564,969.91 for elementary school, Treas. to borrow \$530,000.00, balance from available funds.
- Article 7. Voted to authorize Elementary School Building Committee to enter into contracts.

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October 26, 1970 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

- Article 1. Voted to R & A \$184,243.09 by borrowing, for elementary school addition, in addition to sums voted in May.
- Article 2. Voted to permit school committee to sell portable classroom.
- Article 3. Voted to transfer \$7772.30 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Account.
- Article 4. Voted to permit conversion of one-family dwelling to two-family dwelling in business zone.  
BY-LAW CHANGE APPROVED BY ATTY. GEN'L  
11/20/70
- Article 5. Voted per Planning Board recommendation, to take no action on eliminating business zone on north side of route 20.

Article 6. Voted, per Planning Board recommendation, to take no action on increasing depth of business zone on south side of route 20, between Hollow and Monson roads.

Article 7. Voted to increase depth of business district to 750 feet on south side of Route 20 between Wales and Holland Roads, north of Haynes Hill Rd. ZONING MAP CHANGE APPROVED BY ATTY. GEN'L 11/20/1970.

The foregoing information is an abstract only, and does not reflect the exact wording of the official records.

Juliane L. Spooner  
Town Clerk



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY  
FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION  
OCTOBER 31, 1970

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

During the past year Town business has increased considerably. The Board of Selectmen has met on many extra occasions including Sundays. Problems of road construction and maintenance require an exceptional amount of time and attention.

East Hill Road and Marsh Hill Road were each reconstructed and oiled for a distance of 1800 ft. using \$2,000.00 in funds from the Unpaved Road Acct. which was set up last year.

The Highway Repair Account of \$3,000.00 was expended on 1800 ft. of John Haley Road. The road was widened, drainage installed, and 2 coats of oil applied over gravel.

Funds in the amount of \$3,662.12 were received from the State under Chapter 768 of 1969 and expended on the Dunhamtown Palmer Road where 800 ft. of the road was improved by installing drainage, applying washed stone and and oiling. It is planned to continue this year with further work on this road.

The Chapter 90 construction project on the Hollow Road should be completed this year. The Holland and Warren Roads will receive next consideration for improvement with Chapter 90 financing.

The Board of Selectmen extends its sincere thanks to James A. Adams Jr. for his assistance as Road Supt. during Jan. Feb. and March at which time we were without a regular superintendent in the face of our winter problems. After the appointment of Real Porier as the regular superintendent and the hiring of our present crew our highway department carried on in a highly satisfactory manner.

During the past year the Board has been under considerable pressure to lay down some guide lines in the matter of Conflict of Interest. Our response to this can best be given by reprinting the letter of our chairman to the voters of Brimfield as it appeared in the Journal Reg. of Dec. 10, 1970 as follows:

### TO THE VOTERS OF BRIMFIELD

As chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Brimfield I have been under considerable pressure in recent weeks to com-



ment and take a stand on the issue of Conflict of Interest. This question is very serious in towns having populations of less than 2,000.

Brimfield has difficulty in getting qualified people to accept election or appointment to Town Offices. The responsibility and time far exceed any pay. Some persons accept election or appointment and then resign when they discover that the job involves time and effort. Others just fail to attend meetings without the courtesy of resigning. Many serve faithfully and well, giving time out of their working day as well as their evenings.

Resignations by some key officers before the end of their term would result in chaos and confusion. In some cases we might well have difficulty finding candidates to run for and accept the offices.

The Board of Selectmen have no power to remove town officers prior to the end of their terms of office and I have no desire or intention to do so.

The voters will have to decide for themselves whether or not a candidate is involved in such a conflict as to warrant his defeat at election time. My own view is that unless his conduct is clearly prejudicial to the Town, his valuable services to the Town should be accepted with thanks. To do otherwise would make the proper management of the town next to impossible.

Sincerely,

Alice M. Adams, Chairman

The Board extends its sincere appreciation to all elected and appointed officers and to all others who have rendered service to the Town during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice M. Adams  
Richard C. Allen  
Richard E. Souliere

Board of Selectmen



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## REAL ESTATE

	<u>1970</u>	
Commitments as per warrant		\$303,769.20
Abatements refunded		<u>876.40</u>
		304,645.60
Cash to Treasurer	\$263,335.20	
To Tax Title	1,872.08	
Abatements	<u>13,268.08</u>	<u>278,475.36</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 26,170.24
	<u>1969</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 45,441.51
Abatements refunded		<u>578.00</u>
		46,019.51
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 36,688.85	
To Tax Title	1,706.80	
Abatements	<u>1,109.76</u>	<u>39,505.41</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 6,514.10
	<u>1968</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 5,476.52
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 2,192.72	
To Tax Title	1,305.20	
Abatements	80.08	<u>3,578.00</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 1,898.52
	<u>1967</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 3,163.14
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 1,537.80	
To Tax Title	1,258.40	
Abatements	<u>45.24</u>	<u>2,841.44</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 321.70
	<u>1966</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 1,812.02
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 303.15	
To Tax Title	1,095.57	
Abatements	<u>150.40</u>	<u>\$ 1,549.12</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		262.90

	<u>1965</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 1,182.69
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 33.93	
To Tax Title	570.57	
Abatements	<u>535.29</u>	<u>1,139.79</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 42.90
	<u>1964</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		621.35
To Tax Title	\$ 509.40	
Abatements	<u>84.24</u>	<u>593.64</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		27.71
	<u>1963</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 44.45
Abatements		<u>44.45</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ -
	<u>1962</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 30.69
Abatements		<u>30.69</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		-
	<u>1961</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 2.70
Abatements		<u>2.70</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		-
	<u>1960</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 23.94
Abatement		<u>23.94</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		-
	<u>1959</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 115.00
Abatement		<u>115.00</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		-
	<u>1958</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 34.20
Abatement		<u>34.20</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		-

## CLASSIFIED FOREST LAND

	<u>1970</u>	
Commitments as per warrants		\$ 1,610.56
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 1,489.78	
Abatements	<u>27.26</u>	<u>1,517.04</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 93.52

	<u>1969</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 233.76
Cash to Treasurer		<u>233.76</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		-

	<u>1968</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 5.20
Cash to Treasurer		<u>5.20</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		-

	<u>1967</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 5.20
Cash to Treasurer		<u>5.20</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		-

	<u>1966</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 15.04
Abatement		<u>15.04</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		-

	<u>1960</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 7.98
Abatement		<u>7.98</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		-

## FARM ANIMAL

	<u>1970</u>	
Commitment as per warrant		\$ 304.00
Cash to Treasurer		<u>274.00</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 30.00

	<u>1969</u>	
Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 2.50
Cash to Treasurer		<u>2.50</u>
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		-

	<u>1965</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970		\$ 12.75
Abatement		<u>12.75</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		-

	<u>1964</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970		\$ 13.50
Abatement		<u>13.50</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		-

PERSONAL PROPERTY

	<u>1970</u>	
Commitments as per warrant		\$ 37,041.20
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 36,572.48	
Abatement	<u>103.04</u>	<u>36,675.52</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 365.68

	<u>1969</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970		\$ 2,310.98
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 685.78	
Abatement	<u>1,453.84</u>	<u>2,139.62</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 171.36

	<u>1968</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970		\$ 199.16
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 31.20	
Abatement	<u>49.40</u>	<u>80.60</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 118.56

	<u>1967</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970		\$ 22.36
Cash to Treasurer		<u>14.56</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		7.80

	<u>1966</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970		\$ 7.05
Cash to Treasurer		<u>-</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		7.05

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

	<u>1970</u>	
Commitments as per warrants		\$ 41,298.52
Abatements refunded		<u>950.48</u>
		\$ 42,249.00



Cash to Treasurer	\$ 35,347.68	
Abatements	<u>3,449.57</u>	\$ 38,797.25
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 3,451.75

1969

Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 3,683.19
1969 Commitments submitted in 1970		<u>5,733.37</u>
		\$ 9,416.56
Abatements refunded		<u>363.95</u>
		\$ 9,780.51

Cash to Treasurer	\$ 7,423.57	
Abatements	<u>1,322.36</u>	8,745.93
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 1,034.58

1968

Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 2,156.36
Abatement refunded		<u>17.60</u>
		\$ 2,173.96

Cash to Treasurer	\$ 837.08	
Abatements	<u>464.69</u>	1,301.77
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 872.19

1967

Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 1,056.95
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 375.10	
Abatements	<u>272.30</u>	647.40
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 409.55

1966

Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 1,144.79
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 617.39	
Abatements	<u>56.25</u>	673.64
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 471.15

1965

Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 795.31
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 422.95	
Abatements	<u>111.65</u>	534.60
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 260.71

1964

Outstanding Jan.1,1970		\$ 361.79
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 181.51	
Abatements	<u>54.60</u>	236.11
Outstanding Dec.31,1970		\$ 125.68

	<u>1963</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970		\$ 674.30
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 102.30	
Abatements	<u>440.00</u>	<u>542.30</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 132.00

	<u>1962</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970		\$ 140.88
Abatements		<u>107.88</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 33.00

	<u>1961</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970		\$ 34.10
Abatements		<u>34.10</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		-

	<u>1960</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970		\$ 49.52
Abatements		<u>49.52</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		-

Trailer Park receipts received in 1970 (Meadowbrook Acres)	\$ 7,435.72
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I would like to urge all taxpayers to pay up their taxes on or before November 1, 1971 to save interest on borrowing money to run the town budget. The more money collected, the more free cash we will have in our Surplus Revenue Account which will alleviate our tax rate.

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS  
AFTER JANUARY, 1971

1962 Motor Vehicle	Simonds, Russell	3.30
	Simonds, Russell	6.60
	Simonds, Russell	9.90
	Fitzgerald, Francis	13.20
1963 Motor Vehicle	Simonds, Russell	19.80
	Mundell, Irving	9.90
	Mundell, Irving	13.20
	Fossett, Marie	23.10
	Fossett, Marie	19.80
	Mundell, Irving	29.70
	Mundell, Irving	6.60
	Simonds, Russell	9.90

<u>1964</u> Real Estate	Balise, Philip	25.91
	Day, Frank	1.80
<u>1964</u> Motor Vehicle	Simonds, Russell	19.80
	Fitzgerald, Francis	13.20
	Fossett, Marie	16.50
	Fossett, Marie	19.80
	Fossett, Marie	45.38
	Simonds, Russell	11.00
<u>1965</u> Real Estate	Balise, Philip	40.95
	Day, Frank	1.95
<u>1965</u> Motor Vehicle	Simonds, Russell	13.20
	Fossett, Marie	33.00
	Langlois, George	13.20
	Fitzgerald, Francis	13.20
	Johnson, Roland	16.50
	Samson, Guy	85.80
	Valley Garage	33.00
	Fossett, Marie	13.20
	Maynard, Thelma	12.38
	Simonds, Russell	7.43
	Maynard, Thelma	8.25
	Fossett, Marie	8.80
	Simonds, Russell	2.75
<u>1966</u> Real Estate	Balise, Philip	49.35
	Day, Frank	2.35
	Vreeland, George and Ruth	211.20
<u>1966</u> Personal Property	Russo, Arthur J.	7.05
<u>1966</u> Motor Vehicle	Samson, Guy	62.70
	Fitzgerald, Francis	13.20
	Stewart, Robert A.	13.20
	Fossett, Marie	13.20
	Simonds, Russell	16.50
	Johnson, Roland	16.50
	Stewart, Robert A.	18.15
	Maynard, Thelma	16.50
	Stewart, Robert	95.70
	Stewart, Robert	16.50
	Maynard, Richard A.	21.45
	Stewart, Robert	5.50
	Stewart, Robert	13.20

<u>1966</u> Motor Vehicle	Valley Garage	16.50
	Fitzgerald , Francis	9.90
	Maynard, Thelma	4.95
	Bills, Trimming	112.20
	Stewart, Robert A.	3.30
	Stewart, Robert A.	2.00

<u>1967</u> Real Estate	Balise, Philip	54.60
	Cottle, William	42.12
	Day, Frank	2.60
	Fijol, Stanley J.	39.88
	Fountain, Royal W.	23.40
	Goddard, William C.	4.14
	Stewart, Robert A.	154.96

<u>1967</u> Personal Property	Russo, Arthur J.	7.80
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<u>1967</u> Motor Vehicle	Johnson, Roland	16.50
	Samson, Guy	36.30
	Stewart, Robert	9.90
	Moore, Kevin	26.40
	Samson, Guy	15.13
	Samson, Guy	123.75
	Stewart, Robert	16.50
	Stewart, Robert	9.63
	Stewart, Robert	6.60
	Stewart, Robert	7.70
	Trant Equipment	85.80
	Trant Equipment	39.60
	Stewart, Robert	2.48
	Valley Garage	8.25
	Stewart, Robert	6.60
	Perry, Urban	.41

<u>1968</u> Real Estate	Billings, Charles W.	78.00
	Cottle, William	42.12
	Day, Frank	2.60
	Fleury, Patrick R.	113.88
	Fountain, Royal	154.96
	Fountain, Royal	23.40
	Goddard, William	248.56
	Haley, John E.	10.40
	Langlois, Mary	249.60
	Russell, Charles	327.60
	Sears, John J.	10.40



<u>1968</u> Personal Property	Fountain, Royal	13.00
	Fountain, Robert	24.96
	Russo, Arthur	7.80
	Schultz, Donald F.	20.80
	Trant Equipment	52.00
<u>1968</u> Motor Vehicle	Fleming, John F.	16.50
	Johnson, Roland	13.20
	Martin, Ethel	16.50
	Simonds, Russell	16.50
	Harvey, William	47.85
	Martin, Ethel	18.15
	Moore, Kevin	90.75
	Moore, Kevin	13.20
	Parent, Victor	13.75
	Harvey, William	4.40
	Johnson, Roland	13.20
	Parent, Victor	11.00
	Riley, Thomas	11.00
	Shugart, Raymond	9.90
	Erickson, Arthur	9.63
	Harvey, William	111.65
	Parent, Victor	13.20
	Perry, Urban	6.60
	Shugart, Raymond	5.50
	Area Construction	90.20
	Area Construction	180.68
	Sanchez, Paula	6.60
	Stewart, Robert	8.25
	Stinson, Howard	2.20
	Harvey, William	2.00
	Villa, Carol	2.00
	Beaudry, George	2.75
	Martin, Ethel	3.30
<u>1969</u> Real Estate	Blain, Francis J.	16.32
	Boskiewicz, J.	10.20
	Chase, Charles F.	10.20
	Cottle, William	55.08
	Cushing, Franklin	234.60
	Day, Frank	3.40
	Duckworth, Robert	162.80
	Duprereault, Alice	118.32
	Duprereault, Alice	16.32
	Fleury, Patrick	26.52
	Fleury, Patrick	148.92

Fountain, Royal	270.64
Goddard, William	331.84
Goetze, Doris	240.26
Haley, John E.	13.60
Jones, Richard	16.32
Green, James	530.40
Krohne, George	595.60
Krol, Gloria	81.60
Langlois, Mary B.	326.40
LaRose, Arthur	255.00
LaVigne, Frederick	20.40
MacLeod, Richard	40.80
McComis, Curtis	176.80
Martin, Donald	91.80
Moulton, William	10.20
Phillips, Ruth	189.00
Satter, Edwin	68.00
Schoeder, Francis P.	326.40
Schoeder, Francis P.	10.20
Sears, John J.	13.60
Smith, Gerald	102.00
Stearns, Susan	248.20
Suprenant, Alphonse	374.00
Tucker, Jack E.	34.00
Tucker, Jack E.	34.00
Veloudous, Vasilios	48.96
Walton, Henry B.	428.40

<u>1969</u> Personal Property	Barr, Marjorie	20.40
	Bertrand, Wilfred	6.80
	Duprereault, Alice	10.20
	Fleury, Patrick	13.60
	Fountain, Royal	23.80
	Schoeder, Francis P.	24.48
	Smith, Gerald	4.08
	Trant, Equipment	68.00

<u>1969</u> Motor Vehicle	Beaudry, George	13.20
	Jones, Beverly	66.00
	Perry, Urban	19.80
	Stearns, Lawrence Jr.	19.80
	Brothers, Linda	16.50
	Villa, Carol	16.50
	Forkey, Bernice	19.80
	Forkey, Rose	16.50
	Johnson, Roland	19.80
	Keith, Audrey	16.50

Shwec, Linda	13.20
Tully, Margaret	13.20
Bonneau, Arthur Jr.	16.50
Thouin, Marie	16.50
Beaudry, George	11.00
Beaudry, George	11.00
Forkey, Bernice	16.50
Forkey, Bernice	13.20
Perry, Urban	9.08
Thouin, Marie	11.00
Thouin, Marie	16.50
Tully, Margaret	13.75
Tully, Margaret	18.15
Bonneau, Arthur Jr.	11.00
Mandigo, Edward Sr.	2.00
Moore, Kevin	55.00
Stearns, Lawrence Jr.	13.75
Stratton, Dana	12.10
Thouin, Marie	15.13
Tully, Margaret	17.60
Jones, Beverly	7.70
Keith, Audrey	36.58
Mandigo, Edward Sr.	9.63
Tully, Margaret	8.80
Whitman, Norma	11.55
Bonneau, Arthur	59.13
Forkey, Bernice	6.60
Kowalewski, B.	57.75
Moore, Kevin	2.75
Ozut, John	75.63
Stearns, Lawrence Jr.	5.50
Tully, Margaret	11.00
Tully, Margaret	8.25
Beaudry, George	16.50
LaFleur, Thomas	3.30
LaMontagne, Jules	11.00
McComis, Curtis	49.50
Ozut, John	20.90
Thouin, Marie	11.00
Tully, Margaret	9.63
Johnson, Roland	12.38
Thouin, Margaret	4.95
Whitman, Norma	11.55

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1970	\$ 126,399.69	
Cash Receipts	<u>1,067,101.88</u>	\$1,193,501.57
Paid on Treasury Warrants	\$1,114,755.32	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1970	<u>78,746.25</u>	\$1,193,501.57

## Funds in custody of Treasurer:

Harriet Allen School Fund	1,472.84
Mary Burns School Fund	1,959.97

## Library Funds:

Mary Hyde	831.50	
Ursula Shaw	2,489.09	
Endocia Flynt	103.52	
Albert Tarbell	200.00	
Julia Coy	645.04	
Elizabeth Robinson	411.41	
Fitzhenry Warren	1,000.00	
Emily Woods	500.00	
Mary Burns	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		7,180.56
Harriet Harding Fund		4,461.92
James Lincoln Library Building		3,981.59
Chamberlain Smith Historical Fund		603.73
Persall Monument Fence Fund		217.97
Bliss Cemetery Gate Fund		72.30
Cemetery Wall Fund		509.23
Hoyt Animal Cemetery Fund		736.99
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Principal		20,285.55
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Interest		<u>18,547.38</u>
		\$ 60,030.03

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence H. Keith  
Town Treasurer



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Raised by taxation	\$ 551,826.48
Appropriated from available funds	92,678.79
Deficits due to abatements	2,025.95
School Lunch Program	1,613.29
Free Public Libraries	500.00
Veterans Service District Assessment	1,023.40
Group Insurance Chap. 32-B	900.00
County tax	17,190.16
State recreation areas	2,635.54
Audit	5,455.69
Motor vehicle excise tax bills	201.60
Overlay of current year	<u>19,997.76</u>
Gross amount to be raised	696,048.66
Available funds and estimated receipts	<u>356,918.26</u>
Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$ 339,130.40
Tax rate - \$56.00 per M	
Personal property valuation	661,450.00
Real estate valuation	<u>5,394,450.00</u>
Total valuation	6,055,900.00

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Gondek  
John M. Haley  
Charles W. Sherman

# REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

For the year ending December 31, 1970

## RECEIPTS General Revenue

### Taxes:

Personal 1970	\$ 36,572.48
Real Estate 1970	263,335.20
Personal Previous Years	741.94
Real Estate Previous Years	40,756.45
Tax Titles Redemption and Sales	<u>1,831.66</u>

\$343,237.73

### Classified Forest Land

Levy of 1970	1,489.88
Previous Years	<u>244.16</u>

1,734.04

### Motor Vehicle Excise

Levy of 1970	35,347.68
Previous Years	<u>9,959.90</u>

45,307.58

### Farm Animal Excise

Levy of 1970	274.00
Previous Years	<u>2.50</u>

276.50

### Special Assessments

Trailer Parks	5,334.00
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### Sale of Tax Possessions

800.00

### Sale of Real Estate

14,201.08

### Commonwealth of Mass.

Machinery Basis	196.45
Valuation Basis	8,932.21
Loss of Taxes	13,049.57
Special Education Program	<u>4,698.00</u>

26,876.23

### State and Federal Aid

Regional Schools	15,491.00
School Lunches	<u>5,287.56</u>

20,778.56

Licenses and Permits		
Liquor Licences	1,362.50	
All Others	<u>574.00</u>	1,936.50
Court Fines		150.00
Tax Lien Certificate Fee		6.00
Federal Grants		
Medical Assistance	294.82	
Chapter 768 Highway Im-		
provement Acts of 1967	10,986.36	
N. E. D. A.	<u>225.44</u>	11,506.62
State Grants		
School Aid Chapter 70	118,564.94	
Vocational Tuition and		
Transportation	975.00	
Highways Chapter 81	9,556.85	
High School Tuition and		
Transportation	28,152.81	
Aid to Libraries	500.00	
E. S. E. A.	<u>258.75</u>	158,008.35
Gifts from Individuals		
Graves and Foundations		<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE		\$630,503.19

Commercial Revenue

General Government		
Cash Discrepancy Recovery	3,188.00	
Phone Commission	108.20	
Town Hall Rentals	<u>210.00</u>	3,506.20
Public Safety		
Dog Warden Services	953.00	
Dog Fund	<u>515.49</u>	1,468.49

Highways		
Joint Maint.-State	5,749.96	
Joint Maint.-County	5,749.96	
Truck Repairs Ins. Recovery	1,794.85	
Machinery Rentals	17,532.75	
Compensation Insurance	<u>1,382.17</u>	
		32,209.69
Departmental		
Public Welfare		
Medical Assistance-State	196.56	
Aid to Dependent Children-State	528.00	
Veterans Benefits	<u>1,951.62</u>	
		2,676.18
Schools		
T.V.Ins. Recovery	80.00	
Transportation and Tuition		
Wards	4,695.53	
Other Tuition	161.61	
Lunch Receipts	<u>7,489.48</u>	
		12,426.62
Libraries		
Fines	170.86	
Power Use	<u>5.00</u>	
		175.86
Interest		
General		
On Deposits	76.11	
On Taxes	1,833.61	
On Tax Titles	328.44	
On Special Assessments	9.90	
On M.V. Excise	<u>382.24</u>	
		2,630.30
Interest		
Trust and Investment		
On Library Funds	326.06	
On Treasury Bills	<u>2,292.78</u>	
		<u>2,618.84</u>
TOTAL COMMERCIAL REVENUE		\$57,712.18



## Municipal Indebtedness

### Temporary Loans

Anticipation of Revenue	100,000.00	
Highway Loan	<u>45,600.00</u>	<u>145,600.00</u>
TOTAL MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		\$145,600.00

## Agency, Trust and Investment

### Agency

County Retirement	882.30	
Dog Licenses for County	885.25	
Chapter 32-B Employees		
Life Ins.	18.15	
Chapter 32-B Employees		
Health Ins.	144.84	
Federal W.H. Taxes	25,671.31	
Mass. W.H. Taxes	<u>5,600.32</u>	
Total Agency		\$ 33,202.17

### Trust Funds

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		
Gifts	200.00	
Reimbursements	<u>1,167.82</u>	
Total Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		\$ 1,367.82

### Library Funds

Lincoln Fund	500.00	
Chamberlain-Smith Fund	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Library Funds		<u>700.00</u>
TOTAL AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENT		35,269.99

## Refunds and Transfers

### Refunds

Schools	60.46	
Workmens Compensation	<u>308.84</u>	
		369.30

### Transfers

Treasury Bills	<u>197,707.22</u>	
TOTAL REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS		<u>\$198,076.52</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS 1,067,161.88

Cash Regular - January 1, 1970	124,931.86
Cash Savings - January 1, 1970	<u>1,467.83</u>
TOTALS	\$1,193,561.57

PAYMENTS  
General Government

Moderator			
Salary		\$	125.00
Selectmen			
Salaries	\$	1,400.00	
Clerk		400.00	
Postage, Printing,			
Stationery		271.45	
Travel		282.00	
Telephone		304.16	
Insurance		26.75	
Dog List		50.00	
Dues		64.00	
Advertising		10.56	
			2,808.92
Accountant			
Salary		1,200.00	
Postage, Printing			
Stationery		129.78	
Travel		14.00	
Dues		5.00	
			1,348.78
Treasurer			
Salary		800.00	
Printing, Stationery,			
Postage		142.75	
Dues		4.00	
Advertising		4.00	
Travel		50.50	
Telephone		.65	
Surety Bond		121.00	
Recording Fees		17.30	
			1,140.20
Tax Collector			
Salary		750.00	
Printing, Stationery,			
Postage		479.07	
Surety Bonds		225.00	
Dues		4.00	
Advertising		47.50	
Travel		21.80	
			1,527.37

Assessors		
Salaries	2,250.00	
Clerk	400.00	
Printing, Stationery,		
Postage	397.56	
Dues	15.00	
Clerical Hire	62.00	
Travel	<u>179.90</u>	
		3,304.46
Finance Committee		
Salary	75.00	
Dues	20.00	
Travel	12.00	
Postage	<u>1.20</u>	
		108.20
Certifying Notes		15.00
Law Dept.		
Town Counsel	400.00	
Legal Fees	<u>230.00</u>	
		630.00
Town Clerk		
Salary	450.00	
Printing, Stationery,		
Postage	255.24	
Surety Bond	10.00	
Recording Fees	72.00	
Travel	34.50	
Typewriter Purchase	<u>50.00</u>	
		871.74
Election and Registration		
Clerk Salary	50.00	
Registrars Salaries	177.63	
Election Officers Salaries	679.08	
Printing, Stationery,		
Postage	268.00	
Street List	259.30	
Meals	<u>64.68</u>	
		1,498.69
Planning Board		
Advertising	30.51	
Printing, Stationery,		
Postage	10.00	
Telephone	<u>2.60</u>	
		43.11

Zoning Board of Appeals		
Clerical Fees	45.00	
Dues	15.00	
Printing, Stationery,		
Postage	<u>6.00</u>	
		66.00

Town Hall		
Janitor Salary	900.00	
Fuel	1,160.60	
Light	274.18	
Repairs	305.35	
Janitors Supplies	6.09	
Janitors Extra Fees	<u>10.00</u>	
		2,656.22

Town Garage Maint.		
Highway Supt. Salary	99.00	
Highway Labor	27.00	
Fuel	966.46	
Light	453.79	
Repairs	319.74	
Compensation Insurance	5.68	
Janitors Supplies	<u>25.50</u>	
		<u>1,897.17</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 18,040.86

Public Safety

Police Dept.		
Wages	\$ 820.00	
Equipment	5.42	
Stationery, Printing,		
Postage	30.00	
Lock-Up Meals	4.00	
Travel	<u>40.58</u>	
		900.00
Constables		
Expense		200.00
Dog Warden		
Services		887.00



Fire Dept.		
Chief Salary	\$ 350.00	
Forest Fires Wages	477.75	
Equipment	2,014.32	
Coats	40.00	
Hose	138.00	
Parts and Repairs	2,479.62	
Gas and Oil	353.77	
Stationery, Printing,		
Postage	18.57	
Telephone	418.97	
Equipment Insurance	1,708.89	
Ambulance Insurance	447.00	
Dues	10.00	
Janitors Supplies	<u>8.75</u>	
		8,465.64
Civil Defense		
Directors Salary	100.00	
Stationery, Printing,		
Postage	<u>10.50</u>	
		110.50
Building Inspector		
Printing, Stationery,		
Postage		83.63
Insect Pest Control		
Labor	202.50	
Truck Rental	13.80	
Tree Removal	560.00	
Compensation Insurance	<u>9.11</u>	
		785.41
Tree Warden		
Salary	100.00	
Tree Removal	<u>400.00</u>	
		<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ 11,932.18

## Health and Sanitation

### Health Dept.

Advertising	5.50
Printing and Postage	24.24
Travel	18.36
Medical Attendance	20.00
Rabies Vaccine	161.00
Agents Salary	200.00
Clerks Salary	100.00
Supplies	4.50
Animal Inspector-Salary	75.00

### TOTAL HEALTH

608.60

## Sanitation

### Care of Dump

Pest Control	110.00
Attendant Wages	624.00
Police Service	10.00
Highway Supt.	121.50
Labor	141.75
Comp. Ins.	11.84
Truck Rental	323.90
Hired Equipment	973.50
Fill and Other	712.38

3,028.87

### TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION

\$ 3,637.47

## Highways

### General Highway Bridge Repairs

Supt. Salary	45.00
Labor	72.00
Truck Rentals	48.00
Signs	44.15
Comp. Ins.	5.27

### Total Bridge

214.42

### General Highways-Snow Removal

Supt. Salary	1,935.75
Labor	4,265.55
Salt and Sand	2,420.25
Truck Rental	6,423.53
Comp. Ins.	279.06
Hired Equipment	2,556.25

### Total Snow Removal

17,880.39

### TOTAL GENERAL HIGHWAYS

18,094.81

Lake Sherman Assoc. Snow Plowing	300.00
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Unpaved Roads

Supt. Salary	202.50
Labor	223.75
Oil	995.60
Truck Rentals	524.45
Comp. Ins.	19.18

Total Unpaved Roads	1,965.48
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Highway Repairs

Supt. Salary	373.50
Labor	164.00
Comp. Ins.	24.20
Truck Rentals	273.95
Hired Equipment	1,011.50
Oil	1,029.60
Culverts	52.92
Gravel	70.33

Total Highway Repairs	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL UNPAVED ROADS AND HIGHWAY REPAIRS	\$ 4,965.48

Chapter 768

Supt. Salary	141.75
Labor	264.13
Comp. Ins.	18.27
Truck Rentals	176.58
Hired Equipment	1,004.00
Stone and Gravel	241.83
Grates and Frames	189.15
Culverts and Couplings	1,565.98

Total Chapter 768	3,601.69
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Chapter 81 Maint.

Supt. Salary	3,492.00
Labor	4,003.00
Stone and Gravel	351.84
Truck Rentals	4,434.35
Hired Equipment	1,100.00
Comp. Ins.	337.31
Topping	3,290.24
Oil	1,228.60
Cold Patch	1,922.60

Total Chapter 81 Maint.	20,159.94
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Chapter 90 Maint.

Supt. Salary	1,341.00	
Labor	2,076.50	
Comp. Ins.	160.25	
Truck Rentals	1,030.20	
Topping and Culverts	11,511.55	
Adv. and Filing Fees	11.80	
Hired Equipment	<u>1,118.70</u>	
Total Chapter 90 Maint.		17,250.00

Chapter 90 Const. 1968-1970

Supt. Salary	2,371.50	
Labor	6,038.76	
Comp. Ins.	378.48	
Truck Rentals	4,280.70	
Loam, Sand and Gravel		
Stakes and Culverts	8,723.06	
Surveys	98.56	
Filing Fees and Adv.	19.00	
Oil	983.60	
Hired Equipment	<u>25,358.25</u>	
Total Chapter 90 Const.		48,251.91

Machinery Maint.

Supt. Salary	1,616.75	
Labor	1,349.88	
Comp. Ins.	133.52	
Telephone	206.14	
Parts and Repairs	6,217.79	
Equipment Ins.	970.73	
Gas and Oil	2,966.46	
Registration, Office Supplies		
Janitor Supplies and Others	<u>153.11</u>	
Total Machinery Maint.		13,614.38

Street Lighting

Streets	2,598.96	
Phone Booth	<u>44.90</u>	
Total Street Lighting		<u>2,643.86</u>

TOTAL HIGHWAYS

\$128,882.07

Public Welfare

Veterans Benefits	2,728.36	
Medical Assistance	<u>610.65</u>	
TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE		\$ <u>3,339.01</u>



## Schools

### Administration

School Committee Salaries	300.00
Supt. Salary	1,934.63
Assist. Supt. Salary	1,451.04
Manager and Clerks' Salaries	3,253.91
Printing, Stationery and Postage	390.76
Telephone	499.91
Travel	875.01
School Census	75.00
Office Rents	252.45
Office Equipment, Repair & Maint. Rentals & Purchases	462.07
Janitor Service	122.09
Dues, Adv., Extra Clerical	295.88

Total Administration

\$ 9,912.75

### School Expenses

Principals' Clerk Salaries	1,682.47
Teachers Salaries	120,619.34
Substitutes	1,750.00
Teachers Aides & Perc. Hand.	7,049.68
Personal Training	107.71
Tantasqua R. H. S.	242,768.75
Textbooks	4,749.26
Supplies	5,087.85
E. S. E. A. Title II	258.75
N. D. E. A. Title III	393.60
Special Education Tuition	2,430.48
Vocational Tuition	2,146.46
Tantasqua Transportation	25,270.90
Elementary Transportation	13,546.60
Vocational Transportation	1,102.00
Special Education Trans.	4,402.98
Janitors Service-Elementary	7,912.30
Fuel	3,170.99
Light	2,278.76
Repairs-Rented Classrooms	42.75
Repairs and Maint. Schools	3,652.59
Janitors Supplies	730.94
All Other Expense	173.00
New School Plans Bldg. Committe Expense	5,762.96

Furniture and Fixtures	2,414.17
Athletic Supplies	79.50
Classroom Rentals	1,800.00
Misc. Printing	173.15
Insurance	12.19
Physician	150.00
Nurse	2,939.20
Medical Supplies	142.68
Clerical Help	368.40

Total School Expense	465,170.41
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#### New School Addition and Alteration

Engineering and Architechural	
Exp.	25,062.79
Travel	30.57
Adv.	9.60

Total New School Add. & Alter.	25,102.96
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#### School Lunches

Wages	4,778.60
Food	7,084.39
Other	824.64

Total Lunches	12,687.63
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TOTAL SCHOOLS	\$512,873.75
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#### Library

#### Salaries and Wages

Librarian	1,500.00
Assistants	261.90
Janitor	500.00

Total Wages and Salaries	2,261.90
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#### Books and Periodicals

Books	1,233.66
Periodicals	140.65
Records	3.25

Total Books and Periodicals	1,377.56
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#### Expenses

Fuel	538.89
Light	222.67
Repairs	616.80
Care of Grounds	75.50
Janitors Supplies	12.09
Stationery and Postage	177.08

Telephone	<u>99.06</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>1,742.09</u>
TOTAL LIBRARY, SAL. AND EXP.	\$	<u>5,381.55</u>

Sherman Memorial Library Room		<u>181.48</u>
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TOTAL LIBRARIES	\$	5,563.03
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Recreation and Unclassified

Recreation		
Town Common	434.00	
Recreation Committee	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Recreation		834.00

Unclassified		
Memorial Day	411.43	
Town Group Ins.	842.09	
Town Reports	998.50	
Town Property Ins.	4,093.60	
Workmens Comp. Ins.	1,602.50	
Conservation Committee	25.00	
Town Dump Land Purchase	650.00	
Highway Loader Repair		
Recovery	<u>1,462.31</u>	
Total Unclassified		<u>10,085.43</u>
TOTAL RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED	\$	<u>10,919.43</u>

Cemetery

Cemetery		
Salaries	300.00	
Labor	530.00	
Equipment Repairs	68.12	
Equipment Purchase	95.00	
Gas and Oil	<u>12.75</u>	
Total Cemetery Expense		1,005.87

Cemetery Improvement		<u>110.00</u>
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$	<u>1,115.87</u>

## Interest and Maturing Debt

### Interest

Anticipation of Revenue		
Loan	5,138.18	
Highway Reimbursement		
Loan	1,990.12	
Fire Truck Loan	399.80	
Total Interest		7,528.10

### Municipal Indebtedness

Anticipation of Revenue		
Loan	250,000.00	
Highway Reimbursement		
Loan	45,600.00	
Fire Truck Loan	2,874.00	
Veterans District		
Assessment	1,023.40	
County Retirement		
Assessment	1,195.35	
State Park and		
Recreation		
Assessment	2,792.89	
Auditing Municipal		
Accounts	5,455.69	
M.V. Excise Bills	201.60	
Total Municipal Indebtedness		309,142.93
TOTAL INTEREST and MATURING DEBT		\$316,671.03

## Agency, Trust and Investment

### Agency

County Tax	14,617.88	
Dog Licenses for County	908.50	
Fed. W.H. Taxes	25,732.61	
Mass. W.H. Taxes	5,544.61	
County Retirement	841.69	
Perpetual Care Gifts	250.00	
Total Agency		47,895.29

### Trust and Investment

Library Funds	200.00	
Perpetual Care Fund	1,064.82	
Total Trust and Investment		1,264.82
TOTAL AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENT		\$ 49,160.11



## Refunds and Transfers

### Refunds

Taxes	1,454.40	
M.V.Excise	1,332.03	
Sale of Real Estate	199.00	
Tailings	2.00	
Dog Licenses to County	4.75	
Total Refunds		2,992.18

### Transfers

U.S.Treasury Bills	49,628.33
TOTAL REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS	52,620.51

TOTAL PAYMENTS \$1,114,755.32

Cash in Regular Account 12/31/70	77,338.42
Cash in Savings Account 12/31/70	1,467.83
TOTAL	\$1,193,561.57



### DID YOU KNOW -

On April 9, 1877 the town voted to establish a Public Library, appropriating \$719 in accumulated Dog Funds for the purpose.

### DID YOU KNOW -

Government subsidies are not a modern invention? In 1731 the General Court offered special bounties for five years for raising flax.

Town of Brimfield  
December 31, 1970  
BALANCE SHEET

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>	
Cash Regular Account	\$77,338.42	Temporary Loans	\$ 45,600.00
Cash Savings Account	<u>1,467.83</u>	Anticipation of Highway Reimbursement	
Accounts Receivable			
Taxes:		New School Addition and Alteration	
Levy of 1964		Outside Debt Limit to be Funded	
Real Estate	\$ 27.71	Notes or Bonds Authorized and Unissued	714,243.09
1965			
Real Estate	42.90	Net Fixed and Funded Debt	
1966		Inside Debt Limit	
Real Estate	262.90	Fire Truck Loan (2 years)	5,748.00
1966			
Personal	7.05	Payroll Deduction	
1967		Group Life Insurance Chapt. 32 B	\$ 18.15
Real Estate	11.26	Group Health Insurance	
1967		Chapt. 32B	144.84
Personal	7.80	Federal W.H.Taxes	2,364.17
1968		State W.H. Taxes	546.13
Real Estate	1,429.91	County Retirement	<u>136.81</u>
1968			3,210.10
Personal	167.96	Reserve Accounts	
1969		Overestimated Assessments	
Real Estate	6,514.10	County	1,729.24
1969		Tailings	
Personal	1,565.36	Outstanding Checks	159.30
1970		Unidentified Receipts	
Real Estate	26,170.24	Former Tax Collector	24.58
1970		Sales Excess	
Personal	<u>365.68</u>	Tax Titles	32.46
	36,572.87	School Funds	
		Compensation Insurance Fund	1,382.17
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		National Defence Education Acct. Fed.	802.61
Levy of 1962	33.00		
1963	132.00		







1970 APPROPRIATIONS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

<u>Account</u>	<u>1970</u> <u>Appro.</u>	<u>Prior Approp.</u> <u>Transfers &amp;</u> <u>Other Sources</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Overdraft</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Moderator	150.00		150.00	125.00	25.00	
Selectmen	2,700.00	200.00	2,900.00	2,808.92	91.08	
Accountant	1,350.00		1,350.00	1,348.78	1.22	
Treasurer	1,155.00		1,155.00	1,140.20	14.80	
Tax Collector	1,550.00		1,550.00	1,527.37	22.63	
Assessors	3,350.00		3,350.00	3,304.46	45.54	
Finance Com.	125.00		125.00	108.20	16.80	
Certifying Notes	30.00		30.00	15.00	15.00	
Town Counsel	400.00		400.00	400.00		
Legal Expense	100.00	130.00	230.00	230.00		
Town Clerk	875.00		875.00	871.74	3.26	
Election & Registration	975.00	523.69	1,498.69	1,498.69		
Planning Board	100.00		100.00	43.11	56.89	
Zoning Board	100.00	175.00	275.00	66.00	209.00	
Town Hall	2,600.00	56.22	2,656.22	2,656.22		
Town Garage	1,500.00	397.17	1,897.17	1,897.17		
Police Dept.	900.00		900.00	900.00		
Constables	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Fire Dept.	7,688.00	777.64	8,465.64	8,465.64		
Pest Control	785.41		785.41	785.41		
Tree Warden	500.00		500.00	500.00		
Dog Officer	600.00	290.00	890.00	887.00	3.00	
Building Inspector	100.00		100.00	83.63	16.37	
Civil Defense	100.00	153.22	253.22	110.50	142.72	

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health Dept.	2,200.00	1,437.47	3,637.47	3,637.47		
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<u>Account</u>	<u>1970 Appro.</u>	<u>Prior Approp. Transfers &amp; Other Sources</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Overdraft</u>
<u>HIGHWAYS</u>						
General Highway	16,000.00	2,094.81	18,094.81	18,094.81		
Highway Repairs	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		
Unpaved Roads	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,965.48	34.52	
Sherman Lake Plowing	300.00		300.00	300.00		
Chapt. 768		3,662.12	3,662.12	3,601.69	60.43	
Chapt. 81 Maint.	2,560.00		2,560.00	20,159.94		17,599.94
Chapt. 90 Maint.	5,750.00		5,750.00	17,250.00		11,500.00
Chapt. 90 Const.						
1968				16,500.00		16,500.00
1969				16,500.00		16,500.00
1970	5,500.00		5,500.00	10,587.59		5,087.59
Boundary						
Pins 1970	200.00		200.00		200.00	
Loader Repair Inc.		1,462.31	1,462.31	1,462.31		
Truck Damage Inc.		332.54	332.54	332.54		
Machinery Maint.		13,614.38	13,614.38	13,614.38		
Street Lighting	2,650.00		2,650.00	2,643.86	6.14	
<u>PUBLIC WELFARE</u>						
Public Welfare Assist.		6,783.54	6,783.54	610.65	6,172.89	
Veterans Benefits	2,000.00	728.36	2,728.36	2,728.36		
Veterans Service Dist.		1,023.40	1,023.40	1,023.40		
<u>SCHOOLS</u>						
School Dept.	233,055.25	43.62	233,098.87	226,212.70	6,886.17	
Tantasqua R.H.S.	253,466.77		253,466.77	242,768.75	10,698.02	
		80.00	80.00	80.00		

<u>Account</u>	<u>1970 Appro.</u>	<u>Prior Approp. Transfers &amp; Other Sources</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Overdraft</u>
New School Addition	16,000.00	18,969.91	34,969.91	25,102.96	9,866.95	
New School Plans	7,500.00		7,500.00	5,762.96	1,737.04	
School Lunches		13,813.86	13,813.86	12,687.63	1,126.23	
E. S. E. A. Title II		258.75	258.75	258.75		
N. D. E. A. Title III		802.61	802.61		802.61	
			<u>LIBRARY</u>			
Sherman Library Room		351.90	351.90	181.48	170.42	
Library	4,040.00	1,341.55	5,381.55	5,381.55		
			<u>RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED</u>			
Employees Life Ins.		18.15	18.15		18.15	
Common	500.00		500.00	434.00	66.00	
Employees Health Ins.		144.84	144.84		144.84	
Recreation Comm.	400.00		400.00	400.00		
Memorial Day	490.00		490.00	411.43	78.57	
Town Dump Land	750.00		750.00	650.00	100.00	
Property Ins.	4,200.00		4,200.00	4,093.60	106.40	
Town Reports	998.50		998.50	998.50		
Conservation Comm.	100.00		100.00	25.00	75.00	
Group Ins. 32B		900.00	900.00	842.09	57.91	
County Retirement	1,195.35		1,195.35	1,195.35		
Workmens Compensation	11.20	1,591.30	1,602.50	1,602.50		
Reserve Fund	10,000.00		10,000.00	8,108.57	1,891.43	
Sale of Real Estate		17,701.08	17,701.08	199.00	17,502.08	
Perpetual Care-Gifts		250.00	250.00	250.00		
Tailings (O.S.)		161.30	161.30	2.00	159.30	

<u>Account</u>	<u>1970 Appro.</u>	<u>Prior Approp. Transfers &amp; Other Sources</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Overdraft</u>	<u>Overdraft</u>
			<u>CEMETERY</u>				
Cemetery Dept.	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,005.87	494.13		
Cemetery Improvement		110.00	110.00	110.00			
			<u>INTEREST AND DEBT</u>				
Interest	7,500.00	28.10	7,528.10	7,528.10			
Temporary Loans							
Revenue		250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00			
Highway		91,200.00	91,200.00	45,600.00	45,600.00		
Net Fixed and Funded							
Debt. 2 years							
Fire Truck		8,622.00	8,622.00	2,874.00	5,748.00		
New School Bonds							
Authorized		714,243.09	714,243.09		714,243.09		
Authorized and Unissued							
Dog Licenses for County		913.25	913.25	913.25			
Assessments:							
State Park Recreation		2,580.57	2,580.57	2,792.89			212.32
County Tax		16,347.12	16,347.12	14,617.88	1,729.24		
State Audit							
Municipal Accts.		5,455.69	5,455.69	5,455.69			
M.V.Excise Bills		201.60	201.60	201.60			
Fed.W.H.Taxes		28,096.78	28,096.78	25,732.61	2,364.17		
Mass.W.H.Taxes		6,090.74	6,090.74	5,544.61	546.13		
County Retirement		978.50	978.50	841.69	136.81		
TOTALS	\$611,800.48	\$1,214,138.18	\$1,826,938.66	\$1,064,852.53	\$829,485.98		\$67,399.85



## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the year 1970 the Planning Board accepted, with regret, the resignations of Theodore Leth-Steensen and Donald Spear, Clerk. Robert Christo was elected to replace Mr. Steensen, and Francis Henderson was appointed to replace Donald Spear until the March 1971 town meeting.

The Planning Board sponsored an article to permit the conversion of single family houses into two-family houses. The Planning Board is also sponsoring an article to increase minimum lot size.

The Planning Board meets in the Town Hall at 8:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every even-numbered month.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Sullivan, Chairman  
Louis Flowers  
William Roberts  
Robert Christo  
Francis Henderson

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### DID YOU KNOW -

During colonial times it sometimes took three years to thoroughly tan a hide into good leather for boots.

### DID YOU KNOW -

In 1835 Brimfield had a shoe-manufacturing business which grossed over \$150,000 a year and employed 250 persons.

## REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board held five hearings this year and rendered decisions as follows:

1. January 21 - A special permit for a family camping ground on land on Sturbridge Road. Permit was granted to Samuel W. Haddock under Section IV-B-2-f., subject to safeguards and conditions.
2. January 21 - A special permit to convert a one-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling was granted to James A. Adams.
3. March 24 - A special permit for a trailer camp was granted to A.V.R. Corp. (Arthur E. Kenyon, Pres.), subject to safeguards and conditions. The Board denied a variance in the agricultural residential district.
4. April 21 - A special permit for the removal of sand and gravel was granted, subject to safeguards to Walter G. and Brenda M. Pleu.
5. May 12 - The petition of Richard D. May to convert an existing single family home into a two-family home on land on Palmer Road was denied because the zoning by-law did not grant the Board the power to issue such a permit.

In reaching its decisions the Board is guided by the powers granted to it by law, and the restrictions placed by law on those powers. It cannot merely decide what is good or bad for the Town or the petitioner. It must first decide what is legal or illegal.

Any citizen who wants a hearing may file for one with the Town Clerk, who has the correct forms and copies of the Board's rules for procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne T. Barr, Chairman

Lester E. Dutka

Theodore W. Skowyra

Zoning Board of Appeals

Associate Members:

George Gross

L. B. Norton

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

During 1970, 87 permits have been issued to build new or alter existing buildings or to change land use. One mobile home violation was taken to court, but the situation was corrected before the case was settled. People have generally been very helpful in applying for building permits. It must be stressed, however, that any new building, any structural change in an existing one, any major change of building use or land use, will probably require a permit. Call the Building Inspector or see him on Monday evenings at the Town Hall if there is any question if a permit is needed. But contact the Building Inspector before starting any such project.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald M. Spear  
Building Inspector

## REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen  
Brimfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:

During the year I have picked up and confined at my home the required number of days, 45 dogs, disposed of 46, one killed on Palmer Road.

I have investigated 21 complaints (3) where dogs were annoying neighbors by barking daytime or nighttime. (6) dogs tipping over rubbish and garbage containers. (1) where 2 dogs were caught in traps. (1) dogs killed sheep, (1) dogs trying to get into enclosed pheasant pens, (9) dogs biting children and adults.

Arthur J. Moreau  
Dog Officer

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Police Department has served the Town of Brimfield in the amount of 3,437 hours patrolling 7,716 miles for the year 1970. Church services, funerals, fires, town meetings and hearings, dances and special gatherings are among the fulfilled duties of these officers. Other events patrolled are:

Fire Watch	May 15, 1970
Memorial Day	May 25, 1970
Search for Breaking and Entering	May 25, 1970
Search for Gunmen	June 12, 1970
Holidays	July 4; Sept 7; Oct 31.
Weekend Duty	
Assistance to Warren Police Dept. for a gunman	Sept. 26, 1970

The Highway Department, Construction companies, the Board of Health (during the hauling of fill) and individuals sponsoring special events have compensated the police officers, in conjunction with the town, for services rendered.

Following is a detailed list of activities for the year.

Citations issued

44 Warnings (speeding, road violations, no registration in possession, no license in possession, defective equipment, failing to keep right, and following too closely)

15 Complaints (speeding, failing to display current and valid inspection stickers, no registration in possession, road violations, defective equipment, operating without a license)

2 Arrests (no registration, no insurance and no license)

Equipment tags issued for defective mufflers and lights.



## Investigations

3 Vehicle accidents  
 20 Vehicle accidents (with State Police)  
 1 Boating accident (with State Police)  
 4 Personal accidents (with State Police)

## Complaints received

Personal Assault	3	Nuisance Phone Calls	2
Prowlers	6	Probation Violation	1
Abandoned vehicles	12	Stolen vehicles	2
Unoccupied Homes	3	Discharging Firearms	1
Operating without license	2	Trespassing	4
Suspicious vehicles	4	Bad Check	1
Stolen bicycle	1	Fires (no permit)	6
Vehicle, causing property		Littering	3
damage	1	Stolen articles	5
Suspicious persons	4	Misc.	3
Driving under influence	2	Damage by dogs	9
Picking dump	1	Lost dogs	2
Improper dumping	1	Dogs, abandoned or	
Dog nuisance	3	killed	8

Several complaints on operating snowmobiles on road and trespassing on property.

## Other activities

Assists at fires(forest and building)	20
Assists at vehicle fires	3
Check unoccupied homes	9
Recovery of personal property	1

## Assists to or by State Police

Juveniles breaking and entering	4	Person assumed ill	1
Lost persons	3	A.W.O.L.	1
Liquor Est.(op. after hrs)	1	Missing persons	5
Breaking and entering	17	Character references	9
Accident with stolen vehicle and escape of operator			1
Driving under influence	1	Stolen Cycle	1
Unregistered cycle	1	Search/stolen veh.	2
Assault and Battery with dangerous weapon			1
Trespassing	2	Illegal Drug Equip.	1
Drunkenness	1		

## Messages received

Police	3	Individuals	5
Buildings unsecured	5	Reg. Of Motor Veh.	5
Character inquiries from companies			12

Accident report inquiries from insurance companies	11
Theft report inquiries from insurance companies	1

#### Assists to other Police Departments

Missing persons	4
Gunman	1
Wanted by other P. D.	2

#### Other services

Sunday and holiday permits issued	20
Summons served	2
Firearm ID's Issued	25
Revocation from Registry	17
Request for reinstatement	6
Cases referred to registry of motor vehicles	4

Snowmobiles must be registered to cross public ways or to be operated on any property other than the owners. They must not be used as a vehicle on a public way. Penalties for arrest are severe.

I attended two drug conferences and one FBI Bomb Seminar and was represented at one drug conference.

TO THE PUBLIC, please notify the police chief regarding vacant homes or when going on vacations. Notify the Brimfield Police Department or the State Police, immediately, regarding any incident of a suspicious nature. We would like to thank the citizens of Brimfield for their cooperation and enlist their support in the prevention of accidents and crime.

TO THE STATE POLICE, REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS, we would like to thank you for your cooperation and able assistance throughout the year.

TO MY OFFICERS, your work and cooperation has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Allen  
Chief of Police

DID YOU KNOW -

The driver who relies on his horn is likely to exchange it for a harp! Drive as if you were early for an appointment with your dentist.

## REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

Department activities for 1970 were as follows:

Grass fires	21
Brush and woodlands	18
Truck and car	3
Dump	2
House	6
Fires reported by tower	2

I am very grateful to the people of the town for their co-operation in obtaining open-air permits. Over three-hundred and twenty-five (325) permits were issued by the fire department during the year of 1970 and I hope this practice will continue. Permits may be obtained by calling 245-3552 during the day and 245-7752 during the evening. I would like to remind the people that burning in a barrel is permitted during the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. but open-air fires are allowed only by permit.

The alerting system for members of the department that was voted in at the annual town meeting last year has been installed and is working well. The response time for firemen has been cut in half, and consequently in most cases we are able to get to the fire before it has time to spread beyond control. The members and I thank the people for voting this alerting system in.

I also want to remind the citizens of Brimfield that all of the members of the fire department are voluntary members. They give up their time without pay to protect the property of Brimfield. Also, I want to thank all of the members for a job well done and thank their wives for the cooperation they have given to us. It is these men who have built the department into what it is today.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L Hanna  
Chief, Brimfield Fire Department



## REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

I hereby submit my report for 1970 as Secretary of the Ambulance Service.

Sixty-five local calls, including accidents, were serviced, as well as 26 calls from Holland and Wales, making a total of 91 calls and 1760 miles of travel, reflecting an increase in both calls and mileage. To those who are in need of medical attention in an emergency, the ambulance furnishes much-needed protection, and to those not in immediate need, peace of mind in an era when the possibility of resident physicians in Brimfield, Holland and Wales becomes ever more remote.

The Annual Fire Department Supper was held in February, and a bean supper in June, both of which were very successful, and sincere appreciation is expressed to all those who worked so tirelessly on them, and to those who patronized them as well. A drive for funds was also held in May and June for the purpose of paying off the note on the new ambulance, which note was signed personally by the firemen. The drive was successful, the note was paid off and we are still reaping the benefit of interest saved on borrowed money.

Collections for services rendered are very slow; so much so, in fact, that at times it becomes doubtful if the service can be continued. Every effort is made to keep charges to a minimum. Patrons are quick to think of the ambulance when severe illness or accident occurs, but after the need is past, no thought is given to the fact that, unless the bill presented is paid promptly, there may be no funds for gas, oil, oxygen and the like when a friend or neighbor is in need. We sincerely hope that all who receive bills will pay them immediately so that the service can be continued, rather than become "just a memory."

Several of our members successfully completed a course in External Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation, and a portable resuscitator especially adapted for use with this "closed chest heart massage" has been purchased. As usual, we try to offer the very best services possible for the safety and comfort of our patients.

Thank you for considering the ambulance an emergency



vehicle, not to be called when a private passenger car will suffice, thus leaving both the vehicle and the personnel free for an emergency. We also thank you for clear and concise directions, and cooperation in leading the ambulance when calls are off the beaten path. May we again count on your consideration and cooperation during the coming year. When in need of ambulance service, please call 245-7222.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Lavigne, Secretary  
Brimfield Volunteer Fire  
Department Ambulance  
Service

#### REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

The band from the Quaboag Regional High School from Warren furnished the music for our program and parade. We were fortunate to have as our speaker Col. James Adams and John Prescott as master of ceremonies.

We wish to thank the Elementary School, the Kindergarten, the Mothers' Club and all who participated in the program. and the parade, for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Skowyra  
Margaret Gilman  
Barbara Keith  
Albert Gendreau  
Florence Gendreau

## REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

My appointment as Civil Defense Director was made by the Selectmen in March for the year 1970.

Practice radio communications were held in the CD room of the Town Hall each month. All meetings in the Ludlow Hospital Headquarters of Civil Defense were attended by your director, under the leadership of Wallace Meyer, Sector 4-A Director. The four radiological monitoring units were checked to be sure they were in good working order. The CD has loaned to the highway department a two-way radio base station and three mobile units to be used in the town trucks.

We would like to thank Mrs. Alice Matheson for the donation of a hospital bed, walker and crutches. These are available to anyone in town who may need them, by contacting your CD Director.

Your CD Director wishes to thank all CD personnel and citizens of Brimfield for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Kenneth Silvius  
Director of Civil Defense



Did You Know . . .

that Brimfield's normal temperature in January is  $28.5^{\circ}$  F. ?  
that Brimfield's normal temperature in July is  $74.0^{\circ}$  F. ?  
that Brimfield's annual precipitation is 49.16 inches ?

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

John Sherman resigned and Louis Lavoie was appointed in his stead.

Inspections were made of camping areas, septic tanks, nuisance complaints, etc. Noted infractions were corrected, licenses were issued and fees were collected.

The State Board of Health inspector, with a member of the Board of Health, inspected seven food establishments in Brimfield. All requirements were met.

The Town purchased 12 acres of land to extend the dump. Fill and care cost approximately \$2,700 this past year. Dump hours are 10 to 8 Wednesdays and 8 to 8 Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

It is against the law to start fires at the dump site. Should this activity continue, the State will step in and force us to go to a more expensive operation. Therefore it would be appreciated if the dump could be used during dump hours, and waste dumped inside the proper area.

A rabies clinic was held in the spring and over 160 dogs were vaccinated in the Brimfield area.

The immunization clinic was also held, by Dr. Brown and Mary Lou Antonovitch, R.N.

Samuel Haddock applied for, and received, a permit to operate a family camping area on his property, Long Vue, Sturbridge Road, Brimfield.

The Town continues to be interested in the weed problems at Sherman Lake and is in contact with the State Department.

The Board of Health wishes to thank the residents of Brimfield for their cooperation in keeping their Town clean and healthy.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. T. Leth-Steensen, Chairman  
Alice Matheson, R.N.  
Louis Lavoie

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John O. Curtis, Chairman	Term Expires 1972
Mrs. Teresa Van Wagner, Secretary	Term Expires 1971
Carl Stearns, Tantasqua Representative	Term Expires 1973

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Roland W. Wilson Main Street, Sturbridge Tel. #347-9014  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Mary Lou Antonovitch, R.N. Holland, Ma. #245-7737

### NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Information will be broadcast over Station WTAG, WARE WESO and WTIC between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Transportation of pupils is provided both to the elementary school and the high school by the school committee of each town's elementary school. The decision as to whether it is safe or feasible for buses to run to the high school is made by the Superintendent of Schools.

### ENTRANCE AGE OF PUPILS TO GRADE 1

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Last Monday of each month throughout year at 7:30 p.m. at the Elementary School.

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT as of OCTOBER 1, 1970

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	SpEd	Total
Elementary	54	41	47	48	33	38	2	263
Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Tantasqua Regional	53	38	41	37	17	29		215
Tantasqua Vocational			15	7	6	3		<u>31</u>
					Total			509



# TANTASQUA and UNION 61 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

## 1971-72 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September				
		1	2	3
--	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

February				
		1	2	3
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
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28	29			

October				
				1
4	5	6	7	8
--	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
--	26	27	28	29

March				
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	--

November				
1	2	3	4	--
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24*	--	--
29	30			

April				
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
--	--	--	--	--
24	25	26	27	28

December				
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	--

May				
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
--	30	31		

January				
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

June				
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20*			

\* $\frac{1}{2}$  day

- September 1 Opening Workshop and Preparation
- September 2 First full day for Pupils
- June 2 Last full day for Seniors
- June 4 Baccalaureate
- June 11 Graduation

1st Quarter	September 1 - November 12	49 days
2nd Quarter	November 15 - January 21	42 days
3rd Quarter	January 24 - April 7	49 days
4th Quarter	April 10 - June 20	46 days
		<u>186 days</u>

## REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The long awaited implementation of a local elementary school building program marks 1970 as an especially noteworthy year for the Brimfield Elementary School. Thanks to the continued and concerted efforts of the Building Committee, the School Committee, the Superintendent's Office and the support of the townspeople, our desperately needed eight room addition is now becoming a reality. Despite construction delays in early Fall, we are still anticipating that the new facility will be ready for occupancy in September of 1971. In the meanwhile, our student body is still fragmented. Two classes are held at St. Christopher's Church, one at the Hitchcock Free Academy, and a fifth grade class is conducted at the Congregational Church. On behalf of the students housed, for this final year, in these classrooms we express our sincere thanks.

In July our principal, Mr. Arthur H. Bush, resigned to assume principalship of an elementary school in the Belmont school system. As his replacement, we were most fortunate to secure the services of Dr. Paul J. Krouner. Paul Krouner holds a Doctorate in Education from Syracuse University and brings outstanding capabilities in administration and curriculum development to the job. In the few months he has been with us, he has amply justified our selection. Communication and greater community involvement enhance the educational scope of the school; towards that end Dr. Krouner initiated a program of volunteer teachers' aids during the early Fall. The children have benefited but if it is to realize its fullest potential, more such aids are needed.

Other staff changes include Carol Valerio, who now fills the first grade vacancy caused by the tragic and untimely death of Miss Carolyn Riley in April, Miss Gail Isherwood in the fourth grade, and Mr. Schell and Miss Mahoney in the sixth grade.

Last year's chronic custodial problems are a thing of the past. Mr. Edward J. Killian was hired as custodian in January and, under his enthusiastic and competent hand, the building has never looked better. Many tax dollars have been saved by Ed's skillful repairs and conscientious maintenance of mechanical equipment. His sons,

and his helper, Mrs. Madeline Boardman, also deserve special thanks for their strong support throughout the year.

With a major building and renovation program now under way, only minor necessary repairs were made to the existing building. Handrails at the front entrance were reset in concrete and locks were changed on all doors after a series of burglaries in the Spring.

Brimfield teachers attended a successful in-service training program which ran for ten successive weeks during the Fall for all teachers of Union #61. Dealing with the particular problems of the perceptually handicapped child, the four-hour long sessions were conducted by visiting faculty drawn from area universities.

The portable classroom, now relocated to the rear of the school yard, is serving temporarily as storage for equipment formerly housed in the now demolished block building which stood in the way of new construction. It is hoped that permanent grounds and outdoor athletic equipment storage facilities can eventually be constructed. Some return on the purchase of the trailer can then be realized through its sale.

Thanks are once again in order to Mrs. Alma Howlett and her colleagues for their imagination and efficiency in the school kitchen particularly during these difficult transition months while renovation and construction work challenge their routine and try their patience.

And, lastly, our thanks again to the Mothers' Club for their continuing interest and tangible support of our school.

Respectfully submitted,

Brimfield School Committee  
John O. Curtis, Chairman  
Carl Stearns  
Teresa Van Wagner,  
Secretary



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The year 1970 has been a year of steady progress toward solutions to the educational problems facing our district.

Educationally, many advances have been made to provide more educational opportunity for our students. An In-Service program arranged with the assistance of the Massachusetts Association for Children with Learning Disabilities was presented for the edification of all elementary teachers of our district. Curriculum committees for Math and English presented their findings and recommendations to the Administrative Council for review. As a result of this review, a new Math series is being considered for next fall for all of our elementary schools.

At Tantasqua we are inhibited by space problems but our curriculum has broadened to allow more electives and a greater variety of offerings in all areas. Many new programs are being offered in Mathematics, English, History and French.

New state regulations now require programs for the emotionally disturbed. To comply with this regulation, we have established a new class on a regional basis at the Sturbridge Federated Church. This class together with a new class for the trainable mentally retarded offers urgently needed special services to children who require special training.

Much has been accomplished in our total building program for the District. Brimfield has a fine addition to its present facilities in construction which is scheduled to open in September of 1971. Sturbridge has approved the construction of a new elementary school to house 650 students. Brookfield has approved an expenditure of twenty thousand dollars for plans and specifications for an addition to its elementary school. The Tantasqua Building Committee is now in the process of selecting an architect to draw plans for a proposed Junior High School. Educational specifications are complete and have been considered by the Tantasqua Building Sub Committee for presentation to the School Building Assistance Commission.

Enrollment within our district continues to grow steadily. Tantasqua enrolled an additional 75 students this year and now has 1275 students enrolled as of October 1, 1970. Our elementary school enrollment of 1711 presents some indication of the possible growth of our district within



the next six years. New projections indicate a steady growth of approximately fifty students per year.

Enrollment projections made in 1968 now appear conservative. We are currently two hundred students above the capacity of our high school with at least fifty additional students expected to enroll next September.

Realistically, we must face the fact that double sessions must be scheduled for next September or we must consider other viable alternatives to construction. These alternatives include the year-round school plan, double sessions for grades seven to twelve, or an open campus program. Each of these alternatives has certain disadvantages but must be seriously considered if construction of a new building does not start soon. Any of these alternatives is expensive both in loss of education to our children and additional operating expenses necessary for such programs.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank the citizens of our five towns for their support, the school committees for their courage and hard work, and the faculty for their dedication and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Roland W. Wilson  
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

School opened on September 2nd with an enrollment of 266:

Grade 1	56	Mrs. Souliere Mrs. Valerio *
Grade 2	40	Mrs. Gendreau Mrs. Moore
Grade 3	50	Mrs. Kida Mrs. McDonald
Grade 4 (St. Christophers)	48	Miss Carter Miss Isherwood *

Grade 5  
(Hitchcock Academy &  
Congregational Church

34

Mrs. Ahern  
Miss Spencer

Grade 6

38

Miss Mahoney \*  
Mr. Schell \*

In addition to the classroom teachers, there are a number of special teachers for Remedial Reading, Title I Reading, Music, Art, Learning Disability, Speech Therapy, Instrumental Band, and School Adjustment Counselor.

Remedial Reading  
Title I Reading  
Music  
Art  
Learning Disability

Mrs. Maloney  
Mrs. Farland \*  
Mrs. Baltensperger \*  
Mrs. Goodrich  
Mrs. Brandt  
Mrs. Griffin

School Adjustment  
Counselor  
Speech Therapy  
Instrumental Band  
Teacher Aides

Mrs. McEachern  
Mrs. Grimm  
Mr. Mott  
Mrs. Kretschmar  
Mrs. Prentiss  
Mrs. Skowyra

Volunteer Aide

\* New teachers this year

The Learning Disability Program, one of the more forward looking of its kind in the State of Massachusetts, provides individual tutoring for children with learning problems. This program will be expanded to provide help for even more youngsters next year.

The Remedial Reading Program involves individual help for children in Grades 1-3 who have reading problems. Currently, 23 children are benefiting from this special reading help.

The Title I Reading Program also involves individual reading help for youngsters who need it. Currently, 10 children in Grades 4-6 are being tutored.

Volunteer parent aides are also working each day with 6-8 first and second graders who are experiencing some difficulty at their grade level. Therefore, in all the special programs (Learning Disability, Remedial Reading Title I, and Aide Tutoring) there are almost 50 children receiving some kind of individual help.

The Art Program for Grades 1-3 involves the learning of basic techniques in the utilization of art materials; while Grades 4-6 work on more advanced projects. All the children learn how to use a variety of art materials and the emphasis is on the development of childrens' creative abilities and interests.

The Music Program stresses the development of childrens' musical concepts in melody, rhythm, harmony, form, tempo, and dynamics. Listening skills are stressed through the learning of different sounds and songs. Through the Kodaly Method, students learn to sing and read music and become aware of musical beat, meter, rhythmic patterns, and phrases. A Christmas Concert, with individual classes singing familiar Christmas songs was held for the Brimfield Elementary children and parents.

The Speech Program involves individual therapy for 18 youngsters who have minor speech difficulties. These children receive about one-half hour of help each week.

Along with the new addition to the building next year, we are planning on hiring some badly needed personnel. We will have a part-time Guidance Counselor, a part-time Physical Education Teacher, two full-time teacher aides and an aide for the Instructional Resource Center and Library. In addition, starting in September there will be a kindergarten staffed with a qualified teacher. These additional staff members will enable us to provide many new and different types of learning experiences for the children.

We are making great strides in more effectively coordinating the curriculum between the grades. This should alleviate many of the difficulties we are now experiencing. All grades 1-3 will be using a similar individualized reading system, and the reading program in grades 4-6 will be evaluated and altered where necessary. Our math program, somewhat fragmented in the past, will be reorganized so that children going from one grade to the next will not be faced with a completely different approach to the teaching of math.

The new addition will enable us to provide the type of educational program that our children deserve. By continuing all of our successful programs and adding needed new ones to the curriculum, we hope to make the learning experience even more meaningful and relevant for all the children.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Paul Krouner, Principal



## REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

The main object of the art program at the elementary level is to help children experience the fact that art is in all aspects of their daily living. These tools of art help the child develop curiosity and perception as well as creative impulse and self confidence.

The first, second and third grades use basically, scissors, paste, construction paper, crayons and water colors with many varied techniques. The four seasons offer much to the young child with the many symbols which are evident to the child in originality and expression of individual feelings and personality.

In grades four, five and six, the basic techniques are carried on with more elaborate use of tempera paints, spray paints, scrap material, such as cloth, boxes, magazines, egg cartons, as well as tissue, metallic and foil paper. Originality is encouraged as each new technique is introduced. The students in the upper grades are introduced to perspective, composition and color wheels. In these grades art is used to explain and communicate, rather than just symbolize.

Art gives the child a chance to interpret his feelings and explain the world of his ideas. It is through the cooperation of the school personnel that has made this art year a great success. May I take this opportunity to thank all concerned.

Mary R. Goodrich,  
Art Supervisor

## REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

The students are learning to develop their musical concepts in melody, rhythm, harmony, form, tempo, and dynamics. Listening skills are developed when the students are exposed to different sounds such as varied environmental sounds, instrumental sounds and vocal sounds. Listening accurately leads to singing accurately. Songs are taught by rote using a pitch pipe. Also students are en-



couraged to move to music and to use rhythm instruments to accompany songs.

The Kodaly method of musical learning is being introduced this year. It increases the students awareness of feeling the beat, meter, rhythmic patterns, and phrases. It is a singing approach to learning music in which the students learn early to sing and read music by using the syllables do, re, mi, etc., and movable do.

Preparations are presently being made by the students to perform in a Christmas Concert. The concert will be for the parents and teachers of the students. It will consist of each individual class singing a song and will be followed by familiar Christmas carols sung by the entire school.

Victoria M. Baltensperger  
Music Supervisor

## REPORT OF THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SUPERVISOR

The instrumental music program 1970-71 at present consists of 82 participating students, (without the full enrollment of all beginning students, for at the time of this report, while 90 students have indicated interest, only 28 beginners have obtained instruments and are presently studying).

The program's aims and objectives are to provide the student with a fundamental grasp of music as applied to instrumental techniques and to help foster self expression through an artistic medium. In doing so, we hope to further develop the student's motor co-ordination, his problem solving ability, his self confidence through pride in musical achievement, and to provide each individual with the opportunity to make a cultural contribution to school, community, and society.

This year the elementary band, consisting of 40 members, will present two seasonal concerts, in conjunction with the general music classes, for the benefit of each community in Union 61. There will also be a solo and small ensemble recital to be given at the end of the school year.

With the purchase of a clarinet and saxophone by Holland school this fall, the total inventory of school owned instruments in Union 61 is six. While a modest number, it is a step towards enabling participation by all students without causing financial burden. Burgess elementary is endeavoring to budget money for a baritone horn to further this cause and to add a much needed instrument to the elementary band.

The program's future looks to the bettering of environmental conditions, the increase of school owned instruments, the provision for a weekly band rehearsal, and to continuation of individualized instruction.

Respectfully submitted,

David H. Mott

## RESOURCE LEARNING LABORATORY

Resource Learning Laboratory, a Title III Project, is presently operating in its third and final year with total government funding. In an effort to create educational change, the Federal Government has funded approximately 40 such projects during 1970, in the State of Massachusetts.

RLL had directed its efforts toward the development of the community as a living laboratory for elementary school students. This project has sponsored and directed three summer institutes concerned with teaching strategies, curriculum materials and behaviors in the learning process.

Teachers in School Union #61 who have participated in this project are:

Elizabeth Ahern	Brimfield Elementary School
Mary Moore	Brimfield Elementary School
Frances Souliere	Brimfield Elementary School
Carole Valerio	Brimfield Elementary School
Florine Martel	Brookfield Elementary School
Robert Kida	Holland Elementary School
Jane Roberts	Holland Elementary School
Elizabeth Wells	Holland Elementary School

William Woodard	Holland Elementary School
Marcelle Closson	Sturbridge Elementary School
Gloria Earls	Sturbridge Elementary School
Kathryn Enright	Sturbridge Elementary School
Albert J. George	Sturbridge Elementary School
Domenic Gigante	Sturbridge Elementary School
Mildred Jacques	Sturbridge Elementary School
Carrie Scott	Sturbridge Elementary School
Mary Young	Sturbridge Elementary School
George Ferraro	Wales Elementary School
Thora Parks	Wales Elementary School
Edward Shumate	Tantasqua Regional High School

Community Resources which have been utilized during the past year are: The Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, Children's Museum, Prudential Center, New England Aquarium, the city of Boston, Quabbin Reservoir, McLaughlin Fish Hatchery, University of Mass. Farm, Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, Clemence Farm, Laughing Brook, Friendly Ice Cream, Springfield Newspapers and Old Sturbridge Village.

In addition to the summer workshop, RLL had directed workshops in the use of the video-tape equipment. This equipment is presently being used by students and teachers.

Results of RLL studies have been reported at the American Educational Research Association in Minneapolis, the National Council for the Social Studies in New York as well as in seminars at several area colleges.

Federal funding of this project terminates on July 31, 1971. It is the hope of the U. S. office of Education and the Massachusetts Department of Education that local funds will continue to maintain this project and its objectives.

Mrs. Alberta Sebolt,  
Director

## REPORT OF THE ADJUSTMENT COUNSELOR

Approximately one hundred children in Union 61 were seen this past year. Some of the work with these children was



primarily for evaluating purposes, some of the work was on a regularly scheduled counseling basis. These children represented various school adjustment problems on a continuum from specialized academic placement to severe emotional problems. A large segment of referrals presented learning problems resulting in need for evaluation in preparation for individualized tutoring. Involvement in this program was inevitable.

Almost all school adjustment situations require School Adjustment Counselor involvement with teachers and parents; outside agencies are involved when indicated and if available. This is one of the most serious problems in this area - a paucity of referral sources.

Ernestine McEachern  
School Adjustment  
Counselor

#### REPORT OF THE SPEECH THERAPIST

The speech therapy program provides remediation for those children in the school district who are speech handicapped. Every student is given a quick speech screening test at the beginning of the school year to determine the presence of any speech difficulties. A more thorough speech examination is then given whenever a problem is detected. From these results and from teacher recommendations, the children who will probably most benefit from speech therapy are selected.

The speech therapist works with these children, individually or in small groups, from twenty to forty minutes, one or two days a week. The children are taught listening skills, correct production of defective speech sounds, and many other speech skills. Progress reports on each child are periodically sent home describing what the child is working on in speech class and how well he is progressing. Suggestions for specific things to do at home are sometimes included in these reports.

Mrs. Charlene Grimm  
Speech Therapist



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

The routine health program progresses well, however, new and somewhat different problems appear each year as our research scientists and our own personal experiences increase our knowledge.

Through the past few years, I have been observing and counseling a great number of children about particular health problems and while there has not, to my knowledge, been a study done as of this date, my concern is growing over the number of children with poor color (gone are the rosy cheeks of good health), eyes that lack sparkle (replacing them are dull eyes with dark circles), and teeth that are strangers to a toothbrush or a dentist.

Children will not, of themselves, adhere to the rules they learn at home or in school. Parents must accept this responsibility for their children (yes, even through high school) and daily, supervise each child in their nutritional, personal hygiene, play and sleep habits.

Increasingly, when I interview children, I hear of days that start late with no time for breakfast before rushing out to catch the bus (or absenteeism because they missed the bus). After school they can recite a litany of television programs until 10 or 11 o'clock in the evening. Does this explain some of the circles under the eyes, the lack of color in the cheeks? Television is passive. It takes no energy to sit and watch, occasionally it may stimulate creative thinking. But what of the energy not being used? Is it being re-directed from active physical exercise to behavioural problems?

Parents, this problem is ours. What are we going to do about it?

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Antonovitch, R.N.  
School Nurse

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Yrs Serv Brimfield</u>	<u>Total Yrs Service</u>
Superintendent	Roland W. Wilson	B.S. & M.Ed., Worcester - State - Doctoral Study, Univ. of Conn.	3	17
Assistant Superintendent	Lester R. Aldrich	BSE, M.E., CAGS, U. Mass.	1	28
Business Manager	William J. Utess	B.S., M.B.A.; Am. Int. Coll.	3	3
Principal	Paul Krouner	BA, MS, Ed. D, Johns Hopkins, Russel Sage, Syracuse U.	0	0
Grade 1	Mrs. Frances Souliere	B.A., M.Ed, Coll of Our Lady of Elms	12	13
Grade 1	Mrs. Carole Valerio	B.A., U. Mass.	0	0
Grade 2	Mrs. Florence Gendreau	Gorham St. Normal School	17	20
Grade 2	Mrs. Mary Moore	Westfield State	8	8
Grade 3	Mrs. Deborah Kida	A.B., Moorehead State	1	1
Grade 3	Mrs. Mary McDonald	Westfield State	8	23
Grade 4	Miss Anne Carter	B.A., Northwestern State	1	1
Grade 4	Miss Gail Isherwood	BSE, Westfield State	0	1

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Yrs Serv Brimfield</u>	<u>Total Yrs Service</u>
Grade 5	Mrs. Elizabeth Ahern	BSE, Westfield State	5	5
Grade 5	Miss Sandra E. Spencer	B.S., Bridgewater State	1	1
Grade 6	Miss Kathleen Mahoney	BS, Central Conn. State	0	1
Grade 6	Christopher Schell	BBA, U. Mass.	0	1
Music	Mrs. Victoria Baltensperger	BME, U. of Nebraska	2	2
Remedial Reading	Mrs. Marion Maloney	BS, Westfield State	13	22
Instrumental Music	David Mott	B.M., Berkee School of Music	3	3
Speech Therapist	Mrs. Charlene Grimm	B.A., Eastern Ill. Univ.	1	3
Adjustment Counselor	Mrs. Ernestine McEachern	B.S., M.S.; Miss. St., U.S. Miss.	4	12
Art	Mrs. Mary Goodrich	B.S., U. New Hampshire	1	5

## FINANCIAL SHEET FOR 1970

Appropriations	\$233,055.25
Expenditures:	
School Committee	535.73
Superintendent's Office	7,390.56
Instruction:	
Principal's Salary	12,704.41
Clerical Salary	1,708.47
Principal's Office - other expense	396.53
Teacher's Salaries	114,819.47
Supplies and Materials	3,720.49
Personnel Training	321.72
Travel - Art, Music and Reading	285.00
Special Education Tuition	2,299.07
Textbooks	3,236.91
Library Services	198.05
Audio-Visual	695.48
Guidance Services	757.28
Other School Services:	
Adjustment Counsellor	2,183.69
Health Services	3,528.55
Pupil Transportation	34,691.00
Late Bus Transportation	3,261.50
Field Trips	535.00
Lunch Transportation	505.00
Special Ed. Transportation	4,290.63
Student Body Activities	20.00
Operation & Maintenance of Plant & Equipment:	
Custodial Salaries	7,883.10
Supplies & Materials	878.02
Custodial Services - Adm. Off.	63.03
Heating	3,170.99
Utilities - School	2,609.42
Utilities - Adm. Off.	130.89
Maintenance of Grounds	351.20
Maintenance of Building	2,880.72
Maintenance of Equipment - School	345.00
Maintenance of Equipment - Adm. Off.	34.29
Fixed Charges:	
Insurance - Adm. Off.	12.19
Rent - Adm. Off.	252.45
Rent - St. Christopher's	1,898.75
Hitchcock Academy	118.26



Acquisition of Fixed Assets:	
NDEA	498.72
Equipment - School	742.92
Equipment - Adm. Off.	66.71
Replacement of Equipment - School	1,701.80
Replacement of Equipment - Adm. Off.	52.81
Library Equipment	1,261.87
Program with Other Districts & Private Schools	<u>3,132.46</u>
Total Expenditures	\$226,170.14
Unexpended Balance	\$ 6,886.17
Estimated Reimbursements:	
General School Fund	\$ 85,000.00
Transportation	26,600.00
State Wards	4,200.00
Vocational Education	500.00
Special Education	<u>4,600.00</u>
Total Reimbursements	\$120,900.00
Total Expenditures	226,170.14
Less Total Reimbursements	<u>120,900.00</u>
Cost to Taxpayer	\$105,270.14

#### SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1971

Administration	\$ 8,378.10
Instruction	160,338.00
Other School Services	52,864.00
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	20,844.46
Fixed Charges	4,410.52
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	1,832.75
Programs with Other Districts, Regional Schools & Private Schools	<u>8,500.00</u>
Total School Budget for 1971	\$257,167.83

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Since our last report to the Town a year ago, a great deal of progress has been made in implementing our local school building construction program.

In a preliminary meeting with the School Building Assistance Commission, we obtained tentative agreement for financial aid to support construction of a permanent addition to the existing elementary school. The Town approved appropriation of \$7,500.00 for planning costs. The Committee interviewed six architects and selected Haynes, Lienecke and Smith. By May, 1970 the preliminary plans were completed, and were approved by the concerned officials in Boston. Subsequently, the Town voted that same month to appropriate the funds for final plans and construction costs as well. After several trips to Boston, we gained approval of working plans and sent these out for bid in September. Due to increased labor costs and unexpected problems in the remodelling work in the existing building, the bids exceeded the approved appropriation of \$564,769.91. After some modification of the plans, a special Town meeting was held in October and \$184,243.09 in additional funds were voted. A trip to Boston the next day secured final approval, and ground breaking followed that very Saturday, October 31. Barring some minor difficulties, construction has progressed smoothly and we are still targetting to open the new school this September.

The Committee wishes to thank Town officials, our Superintendent of Schools, the Town Clerk, and especially the voters for their confidence in us and also for their utmost in cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Hall, Chairman  
John O. Curtis  
Frederick T. Prentiss  
Robert R. VanBrocklyn  
William F. Whitten

## REPORT OF THE BRIMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Board of Selectmen  
Brimfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my third annual report as Librarian of the  
Brimfield Public Library.

During 1970, 3830 people visited the Library to borrow books, magazines and records and to use reference material. Of this number 1769 were adults and 2061 children. A total of 10,186 books and magazines were loaned, and 343 records. 367 new books were added to our permanent collection. 264 were adult titles, and 103 children's books.

Through our affiliation with Central Massachusetts Regional Library at Worcester, Mass., your Librarian is able to borrow specific books for individual needs, 56 titles being borrowed this past year. 31 films also were borrowed for use by groups. The bookmobile makes regular stops at our Library and your Librarian may choose any number of books to supplement our own collection. From the bookmobile I am also able to borrow the large print books which are a boon to people who have some sight difficulty.

It became necessary this year to replace the old furnace servicing the older part of the Library. This was done by Southbridge Coal Co. at a cost of \$710.00, part of which was paid for from the Lincoln Fund for Library Maintenance. The new furnace has more heating power and has kept the Library much warmer these cold winter months.

As in past years, the Elementary School pupils have made regular visits to the Library for story hours and to borrow books. The 4th, 5th and 6th grades have also come on a regular basis with their teachers in order to borrow books for school projects or pleasure reading.

During National Library Week in April, all 4th, 5th and 6th grades came, by special appointment, to the Sherman



Memorial Room for a "picture show". With the help of Mr. Lester Parker, President of the Brimfield Historical Society, and utilizing the opaque projector owned by the Society and housed at the Library, we showed pictures of places and activities of past years in Brimfield. Included were pictures of some buildings no longer standing, pictures of homes and public buildings as they looked 70-80 years ago, and many pictures showing every-day work and activities of the 1890's and early 1900's. Examples of these are - cutting ice on Mill Pond, the blacksmith shop in operation, sleighing parties, lumber camps and their workers, the trolley which ran through Brimfield until 1928. The children were most responsive to this program and we hope, got some idea of what life was like in the Brimfield of years ago.

During the past year the Historical Society has been able to provide the Librarian with some assistance in organizing, filing and cataloging our documentary collection by engaging Miss Ethel Spooner to work in the Sherman Room on Wednesday afternoons. Mr. Parker also has continued to devote much time to the project so that all together we feel we have made considerable progress.

On November 16th, the Historical Society, for the first time, held a regular meeting in the Sherman Room and used the facilities of the Library for the social hour which followed. The program was planned as an introduction to the Sherman Room with a "guided tour" conducted by the Librarian and comments by various members on interesting and important items in the collection. Refreshments were served in the main reading room with a fire in the fireplace, dispensing cheer around what Miss M. Anna Tarbell, our first Librarian, liked to call the "Village Hearthstone".

We once more acknowledge with thanks the gifts to the Library of memorial books, and the Garden Club's annual Christmas wreath. Due also to the efforts of the Garden Club, there is now some new shrubbery planted by the front door, replacing a very old and worn out forsythia bush. We are also most grateful to the Pioneers Club of the New England Telephone Co. for the gift of a rock maple tree which was planted on the Library lawn.

The Library is open on Wednesday and Saturday from 1:30 - 5:30 and 7:30 - 9:00. On Thursday it is open from 1:30



- 5:30. The telephone number is 245-3518 and you may telephone to renew books, or make inquiries of any kind. Please note that there is a book slot in the front door through which you may return books if the Library is not open at your convenience.

I want to express thanks to my two assistants, Mrs. Margaret Heipler and Mrs. Margery Williams, who take my place when I have vacation time or am otherwise unable to work. Thanks also to Miss Janet Robertson, my new helper who works regularly shelving books and processing new books.

And finally, my deep appreciation to the Library Board of Trustees who gives me much cooperation, help and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet J. Brown  
(Mrs. Richard J. Brown)  
Librarian



DID YOU KNOW -

The Sherman Room at the Brimfield Public Library has in its collection a pair of the boots made in Brimfield many years ago?

## REPORT OF THE TRI-TOWN RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee takes pride in reporting a victorious season in baseball. Through the conscientious efforts and practices held by Coach Ken Alberts, Brimfield won the Championship Trophy in the Tantasqua Intermediate League, ages 13 - 15. Coaches Leonard Muska and Roger Lamb brought the Little League players through to victory with surrounding towns and in the play-offs with Warren. Bob Van Brocklyn coached younger players in games with surrounding towns. Mrs. Mitchell held practices with the Pee Wee players. Ted Steenson advanced the Girl's Softball team in knowledge and skills and they are looking forward to a rewarding season this Spring.

Mrs. Pat Guild met with the women of the Tri-Town Swimming Program and again offered in the month of July at Holland State Beach swimming instruction for all ages and Life Saving Instruction evenings. We feel that more of our youth could benefit by the formal instruction in this area.

To increase winter recreational facilities in areas of basketball, volleyball, etc., our Recreation Group is directly affiliated with the YOUTH CENTER Committee in repairing and renovating the barn on the Brimfield-Wales Road. We are soliciting funds to reach a goal of \$1500 to purchase a heating system and insulate the CENTER. The YOUTH CENTER consists of the barn and brook flowing through 60 acres of land. The YOUTH CENTER is registered with the State as a non-profit YOUTH ASSOCIATION. Our local Boy Scout Troops as well as the area Pioneer Valley Scout Troops use the area for camping the year round.

Letters of progress since our Tri-Town Ecumenical picnic last spring have been sent to parents and local organizations. Any person or organization interested in contributing to the improvement of the YOUTH CENTER facilities may make donations payable to any member of our Recreational Committee.

Edward Ahern  
Mrs. Patricia Guild  
Leonard Muska

## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Following the approval of the article creating a Conservation Commission at the March 1970 Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen appointed Glenn McIntyre (3 yrs.), Sherman Boutwell (3 yrs.), David Williams (2 yrs.), Maurice St. Clair (2 yrs.), and William Cox (1 yrs.). At the first meeting, Mr. Boutwell was elected Chairman and Mr. Williams, Clerk.

Recognizing the great interest in conservation, ecology, and beautification throughout the nation, this Commission explored how best it could provide leadership in order that Brimfield would continue to make the best use of its natural resources. We discovered that we share these concerns with many others in the community, including the Board of Health, Planning Board, Assessors and many private citizens.

Our work thus far has centered on the creation of a color-coded map illustrating all publicly-owned open space areas (State Forest, East Brimfield Reservoir, Etc.) as the first step in creating a Master Plan for land use. We have made initial investigations into water pollution problems, roadside litter, and wildlife control. We have participated in a regional Conservation School seeking ways to provide better leadership.

While we continue to investigate and formulate a Master Plan we will be working with other Town agencies, and as we pursue our work of informing our citizens about the problems of dogs chasing deer, decreasing cover for wildlife, and potential water pollution, we shall be relating to several state agencies.

Even with the support of every local and governmental agency our work will bear no fruit unless we have the cooperation of every resident and landowner in Brimfield. We need to know of potential problems, violations, and land use that violates good conservation. We need to know your ideas for what this town should look like when our children are grandparents, and begin to plan our land acquisition and development accordingly. We need your cooperation in providing good wildlife cover (keep brush piles and swamp lands, etc.), removing junk cars and



other eyesores that detract from the beauty of the land, and restraining your dogs during the winter months when crusted snows make it easy for them to massacre the deer herds. Conservation is good use of our natural resources and is the work of every one of us!!!!

Our small budget request is the same as last year, to provide operating expenses and materials. Our thanks to the Selectmen and citizens of Brimfield for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Williams,  
Clerk

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Fall inspection and creosoting of Gypsy Moth clusters has been completed. The number found was slightly higher than last year, but still well under control.

The requests for removal of diseased Elm trees exceeds the budget each year and probably will continue to for several years. Any sum expended in excess of \$785.71 for insect pest control, will entitle the Town to State assistance in the form of a tree removal crew for a period of time determined by the amount of the expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Killian  
Superintendent of  
Insect Pest Control



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth -Chapter 128 - The Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture are empowered to receive, on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward helping to solve managment problems, better living and better community service and have been ably assisted by hundreds of local volunteer leaders to this end.

A total expense of \$ none was incurred during the year for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects by the local leaders. The appropriation made by your town was used for only residents of the town.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1970 Appropriation	none
Total Expenditures in 1970	none
Recommended Appropriation for 1971	nil

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees For County Aid  
To Agriculture

Albert H. Fuller, Clerk

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

Our best estimate of cost to properly maintain the cemetery in 1971 is the same as 1970. Our only additional expense will be \$100 to be used to up-date the burial records to include a method of cross reference with respect to grave locations.

Our requested budget for the coming year is as follows:

Spring and fall clean up	\$200.00
Machinery	100.00
Foundations and grave openings	900.00 *
Salaries	300.00
Burial records	<u>100.00</u>

\$1,600.00

\*Returnable to Treasury

Respectfully submitted,

Cheney F. Newton,  
Chairman  
James A. Adams  
Everett D. Landen

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### DID YOU KNOW -

The first telephone in Brimfield was installed in June, 1881 at Foskett's Mill, near the site of the present Maple Lake Arms.

### DID YOU KNOW -

In February, 1882, there were five telephones in Brimfield, Wales also had five, while Palmer had 33 and Monson 26.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met soon after the Annual Town Meeting and organized with

David Cheney, Chairman  
Richard Erban, Vice-Chairman  
William D. Spooner, Secretary

William Cruess resigned during the year, but the office was left vacant during the remaining period.

During the year the following amounts were transferred from the reserve fund to the various accounts:

Selectmen's Expense	\$ 200.00
Legal Expense	130.00
Dog Officer	290.00
Workmen's Compensation	281.50
Zoning Board of Appeals	175.00
Board of Health	737.47
Care of Dump	700.00
Veterans' Benefits	728.36
Registration and Election	523.69
Town Hall	56.22
Garage and Fire Station	397.17
Fire Department	777.64
General Highways	2,094.81
Interest	28.10
Highway Machinery	988.61
Total transferred	<u>\$8,108.57</u>

Whereas there is a small safety margin left in this account, each officer or committeeman should bear in mind that the Reserve Fund is only a safeguard item and only to be used in cases of real necessity, and that the town passed on their requests at the annual town meeting.

Your committee feels that the various departments have again tried hard to stay within their voted budgets, the largest requests for assistance again being from the General Highway and the Fire Department, each of which had unforeseen expenses.

Again we wish to emphasize the importance of each department itemizing their expenses and them spending these amounts on the items for which they asked consideration.



The recommendations for the budget items will be found elsewhere in this report. Although we have, for the present, listed the amount requested for General Highways, the committee will again reconsider this item just prior to the annual meeting to take into account the expenses which have been incurred for snow removal. The bills for the Town Report will be in before the Town Meeting, and the exact amount will be known at that time.

As usual, most of the articles in the warrant are routine, but mention should be made of a few of them. Your committee, in line with trying to hold down expenses, disapproved the adding of any further street lights at this time, and also took the same stand as last year in not approving a contract with the State for Assessors' maps, as this was the feeling of the Assessors last year, and the expense would seem to be too far out of line. Neither did the Finance Committee approve the drilling of a well on school property at this time. We have been informed that there are sufficient funds in the school department's contingency fund if it proves, at a later date, that such a well is needed. However, we did feel that the balance due on the Fire Truck note should be paid off at this time, thereby making a saving of the interest payments.

It is the consideration of the Finance Committee, that, since there has lately become available a surplus of teachers, that very careful consideration should be given, before increasing teachers' salaries any further.

As in previous years, we wish to express our thanks for the cooperation given by the various departments, and we again warn the taxpayers that, with the recurring great increase in the school budgets, which are so nearly out of our control, taxes are bound to continually climb, and thus any further increases in appropriations will again make those tax bills that much higher.

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Brimfield  
Finance Committee

David L. Cheney, Chairman  
Richard Erban, Vice-Chairman  
William D. Spooner, Secretary  
Noah D. Fountain

Gerald A. Guild  
Harold E. Hitchcock  
Leo E. Lavigne  
Eugene Roberts



BUDGET ESTIMATES

	<u>Appro. 1970</u>	<u>Expended 1970</u>	<u>Req. for 1971</u>	<u>Fin. Com. Rec. 1971</u>
Moderator -----	\$ 150.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Selectmen -----	2,700.00)			
F.C.	200.00)	2,900.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Dog Warden -----	600.00)			
F.C.	290.00)	887.00	900.00	600.00
Town Accountant -----	1,350.00	1,348.78	1,400.00	1,400.00
Treasurer -----	1,155.00	1,140.20	1,430.00	1,300.00
Tax Collector -----	1,550.00	1,527.37	1,680.00	1,680.00
Assessors -----	3,350.00	3,254.46	3,215.00	3,215.00
Town Clerk -----	875.00	871.74	825.00	825.00
Finance Committee -----	125.00	108.20	125.00	125.00
Town Counsel & Legal Fees -----	500.00)		400.00) Sal.	
F.C.	130.00)	630.00	100.00)	500.00
Planning Board -----	100.00	43.11	50.00	50.00
Election & Registration -----	975.00)			
F.C.	523.69	1,498.69	900.00	900.00
Town Hall -----	2,600.00)			
F.C.	56.22	2,656.22	2,700.00	2,700.00
Town Reports -----	998.50	998.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
Police -----	900.00	900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fire Department -----	7,688.00)			
F.C.	397.17	8,465.64	6,705.00	6,000.00
Tree Warden -----	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Insect Pest Control -----	785.41	785.41	900.00	900.00

Civil Defense -----	100.00	100.00	100.00
General Health & Care of Dump -- F.C.	2,200.00)		
	1,437.47)	3,637.47	4,225.00
General Highways -----	16,000.00)		
	2,094.81)	18,094.81	21,000.00
Chapter 81 -----	2,560.00	2,560.00	2,560.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance -----	5,750.00	5,750.00	5,750.00
Chapter 90 Construction -----	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Street Lighting -----	2,650.00	2,427.28	2,650.00
Veterans' Benefits -----	2,000.00)		
	728.36)	2,728.36	5,500.00
School, Elementary -----	233,055.25)		
	43.62)	233,098.87	257,167.83
Tantasqua Regional High School -- A.F.	253,466.77	253,466.77	266,361.12
Library -----	4,040.00)		
	500.00)		
	515.49)		
	326.06)	5,381.55	4,000.00
Common -----	500.00	434.00	500.00
Property Insurance -----	4,200.00	4,093.60	4,200.00
Workmen's Comp. Insurance -----	11.20)		
	1,000.96)		
	308.84)		
	281.50)	1,602.50	1,343.00
Group Insurance (32B) -----	900.00	842.09	2,500.00
Memorial Day -----	490.00	411.43	400.00
Aid to Agriculture -----	None	None	None
County Retirement -----	1,195.35	1,195.35	2,482.00

Cemeteries -----	1,500.00	1,005.87	1,600.00	1,600.00
Town Barn and Fire Station -----	1,500.00)			
F.C.	397.17			
Recreation Com. -----	400.00	1,897.17	1,700.00	1,700.00
Interest -----	7,500.00)	400.00	500.00	500.00
F.C.	28.10			
Certifying notes -----	30.00	7,528.10	26,500.00	26,500.00
Reserve fund -----	10,000.00	15.00	30.00	30.00
Zoning Board of Appeals -----	100.00)	8,108.47	10,000.00	10,000.00
F.C.	175.00			
Building Inspector -----	100.00	66.00	200.00	100.00
Conservation Com. -----	100.00	83.63	50.00	50.00
Constable Expense -----	200.00	25.00	100.00	100.00
Census, 1971 State -----		200.00	200.00	200.00
Highway Repair -----STM	3,000.00	3,000.00	400.00	400.00
			3,000.00	3,000.00
Appropriated	585,950.48			
Other Sources	<u>9,181.43</u>			
Available	595,131.81	589,293.64	658,158.95	656,320.95

These figures are comparative for these items only and do not include some specific appropriations made under special articles in the Warrant.



TOWN WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss

TO THE TOWN CLERK OF BRIMFIELD, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on MONDAY, the EIGHTH day of MARCH, 1971, at twelve (12) o'clock noon, to act on the following:

To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following town officers: A Moderator for one year; three Selectmen for one year each; one Assessor for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Board of Public Health for three years and one member of the Board of Public Health for one year; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; two Library Trustees for three years each; a Tree Warden for one year; five Constables for three years each; one Harriet Harding Fund Trustee for three years; one member of the Planning Board for five years; and one member of the Planning Board for two years; one member of the Planning Board for one year; one Lincoln Library Fund trustee for three years.

The polls will open at twelve (12) o'clock noon and will close at eight (8) o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered after 7:00 P.M. on MONDAY, the FIRST day of MARCH, 1971.

AND, you are hereby further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on MONDAY, the FIRST day of MARCH, 1971 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following:

Article 1. To hear reports of the officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Article 2. To see what salaries the Town will allow its officers for the ensuing year.



Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund, together with a sum of money to be raised by taxation to purchase compensation insurance for town employees.

Article 4. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1971 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 17, of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursements of allotments made by the State and County for highways, including bridges.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale, by posting such notice in some convenient public place of the Town, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town upon Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Selectmen, or whomever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for Civil Defense, to be administered by the Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$5750.00) for maintenance under Chapter 90, to be used with the sums allotted by the State and County for the purpose.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$5500.00) for Chapter 90 Construction to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State and County, or both, for the purpose.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 to be administered by the Selectmen, to prepare and oil a section of unpaved public way, or take any other action thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account for the maintenance and care of Town Machinery for the coming year.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new truck (cab and chassis) for the use of the highway department, and determine whether the purchase price shall be raised by taxation or appropriated from available funds, or a combination of both, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, upon sealed bid, or to trade in, the 1960 Mack highway truck, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for repairs to Town sidewalks, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for repairing and/or replacing Town street signs, or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,662.12 of funds available to the Town under the provisions of Chapter 768, Sect. 5 of the Acts of 1969 for reconstruction of the Dunhamtown-Brimfield Road, upon receipt of State approval.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to apply toward the retirement of the balance remaining of the loan of \$11,496 for the purchase of a new fire truck, authorized by vote of the Town at the Annual Town Meeting March 4, 1968, or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will appropriate, for the use of the Library, the \$500.00 State Aid for the year 1971, to be paid to the Town by the State for that purpose.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to reappoint the

present Elementary School Building Committee to serve until such time as the Elementary School Addition is completed and has been accepted.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain parcel of land, of the former Lydia Hitchcock property, to the School Department or take any other action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to develop and improve playground facilities in the Elementary School yard, or take any other action thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a well on school property, or take any other action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of materials to build a storage facility on school property or take any other action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to improve existing street lighting on North Main Street and Brookfield Rd., at Route 20 intersection by the removal of the 1000 lumen lamp on pole #1 on the Brookfield Rd., and the installation of a 7000 lumen MV lamp in its place, or take any other action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light or lights on the Wales Road, in the vicinity of the Youth Center on pole (s) number \_\_\_\_\_, or take any other action thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the preparation of assessors' maps, and authorize the Board of Assessors to enter into such a contract, all as provided for in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4, and determine whether the funds shall be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds in the treasury, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

Article 28. To see if the Town will amend the zoning by-laws by adding under Article IV-B - Agricultural-Residential Districts



sub-item F under Title "Uses permitted by the Board of Appeals"

"Construction of apartment dwellings not exceeding four individual residences on lots not less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres"

and to amend the intensity regulations by adding under "Agricultural-Residential"

<u>District</u>	<u>Minimum Lot Dimensions</u> area in square feet	frontage in feet
Apartment	62,500	150

<u>Minimum Yard Dimensions</u>		
Side in feet	rear in feet	number of stories
25	50	$2\frac{1}{2}$

Maximum coverage including all buildings  
20%

or take any other action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section V of the zoning by-law by deleting the figures 18,750 in each instance under 'Area in Square Feet'; and by deleting 100 feet and 125 feet in each instance in which they appear under 'frontage in feet', substituting 43560 for the 18750 and 125 for the 100 feet frontage and 150 feet for the 125 feet frontage, so that the section will read in the first two columns:

SECTION F. V-A DISTRICT	INTENSITY REGULATIONS <u>Minimum Lot Dimension</u> <u>Area in Sq. Feet (a)</u>	Frontage in feet (a)
Residence	43560	125
Agricultural- Residence	43560	125
Business	43560	150
Industrial (new residential etc. etc.		



V-B	<u>Minimum Lot Dimension</u>	
DISTRICT	Area in sq. feet (a)	Frontage in feet (a)
Business	43560	150
Industrial	62500	250

or take any other action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town of Brimfield will vote to change the zoning map of Brimfield, dated June 11, 1968, to change the area south of route 20, (Palmer Road) between Hollow Road and Monson Road from "Business District" to "Agricultural-Residential District", or take any other action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a one-stall addition to the fire station, or take any other action thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for snow removal at Sherman Lake, a private way open to the general public.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a portion of town lands which are a part of the unused portion of the cemetery, and a parcel south of the Town barn, which lands lie in the path of the Route 20 By-pass, or take any other action thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay any 1970 bills outstanding after January 10, 1971.

Article 35. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the various departments and activities of the Town, payment of debts and defraying of expenses of the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least three public places in the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the times and place of meeting and election aforesaid.

Given under our hand this 18th day of January, 1971.

Alice M. Adams  
Richard C. Allen  
Richard E. Souliere

Selectmen of Brimfield

A true copy, ATTEST

Juliane L. Spooner  
Town Clerk

Ambulance Service . . . . .	64
Appointive Town Officers . . . . .	5
Assessors . . . . .	33
Balance Sheet . . . . .	50
Board of Health . . . . .	67
Budget . . . . .	97
Building Inspector . . . . .	59
Cemetery Commissioners . . . . .	94
Chief of Police . . . . .	60
Civil Defense . . . . .	66
Conservation Commission . . . . .	91
County Aid to Agriculture . . . . .	93
Dog Officer . . . . .	59
Finance Committee . . . . .	95
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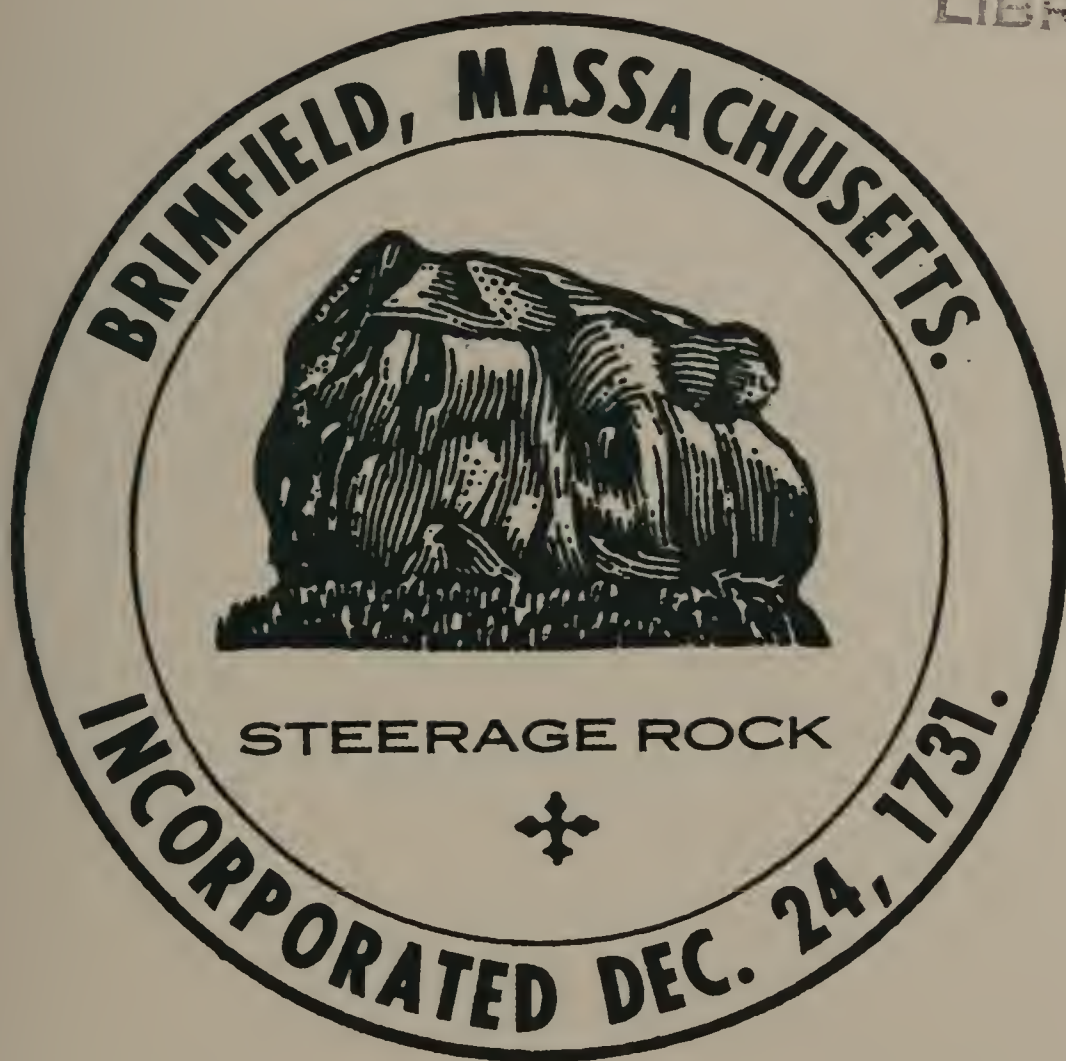
The Town Officers'

# ANNUAL REPORT

to the

# TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

BRIMFIELD  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY



Including Receipts and Expenditures  
for the  
**Year Ending December 31, 1971**

*BLATCHLEY'S PRINTERS*

*Monson, Mass.*

*1972*

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **TOWN OF BRIMFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**1971**

### **FOREWORD**

The residents of Brimfield are encouraged to read, study and question this Annual Report for 1971, reflecting the activities, growth and progress of the Town. They are invited to call upon town officers and departments for any further information desired, or simply to comment on the reports.

**GOVERNMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Brimfield is included in the:**

- Second Congressional District
- Seventh Councillor District
- Worcester - Hampden - Hampshire Senatorial District
- First Hampden Representative District

**U. S. Senators are:**

- Edward T. Kennedy, Boston
- Edward W. Brooke, Newton

**Congressman, 2nd District is:**

- Edward P. Boland, Springfield

**State Senator is:**

- Philip A. Quinn, Spencer

**Representative to General Court is:**

- Alexander Lolas, Monson

**County Commissioners are:**

- William F. Stapleton, Holyoke
- Stephen A. Moynahan, Longmeadow
- Armando G. Dimauro, Springfield

**Democratic Town Committee:**

- Margaret L. Gilman, Chairman
- Ann Stanley, Secretary
- Neil Haley, Treasurer

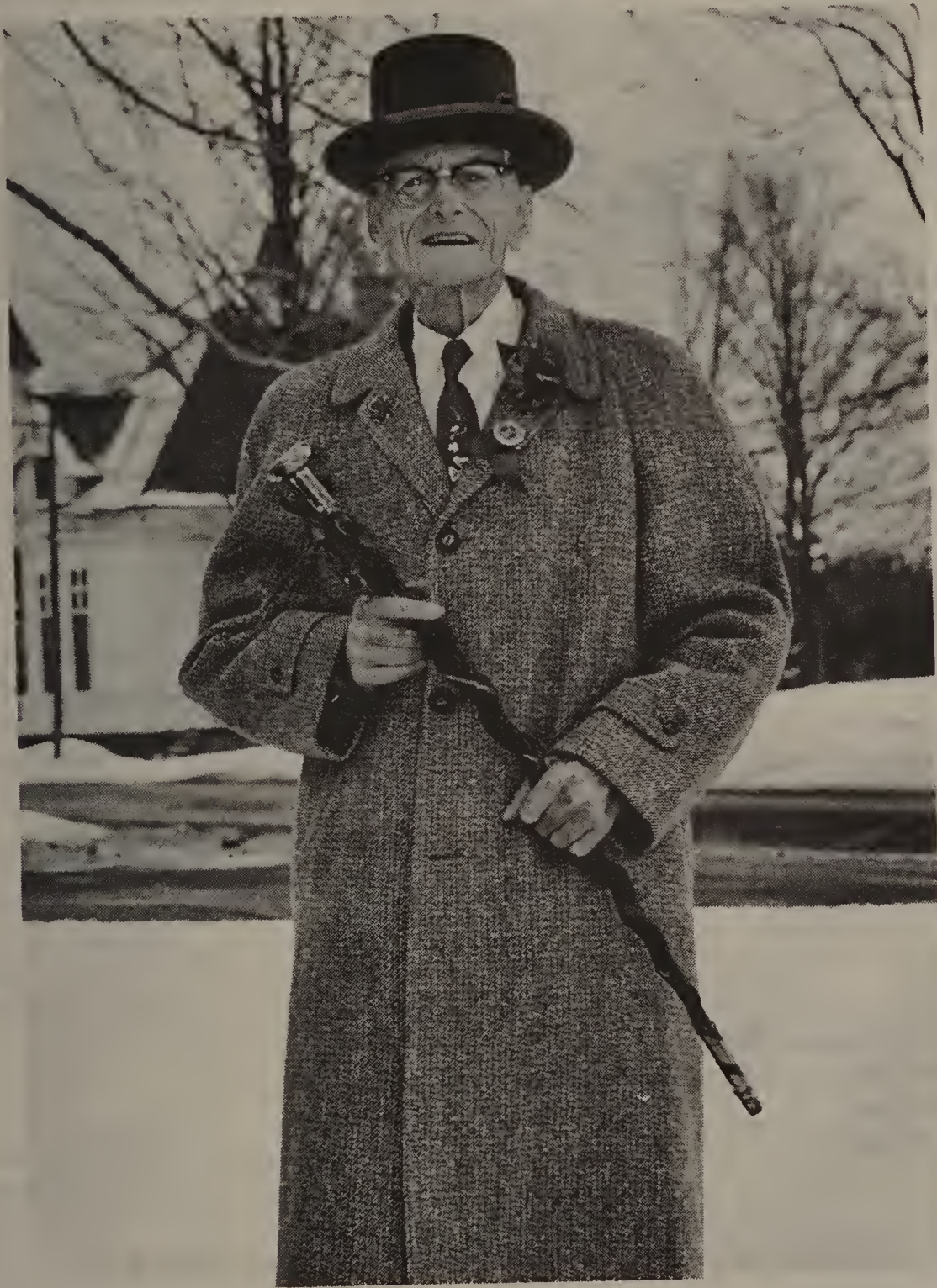
**Republican Town Committee:**

- Roderick P. Murphy, Chairman
- Frederick T. Prentiss, Vice-Chairman
- Stephen McNamara, Secretary-Treasurer

Population	1,907
Voters	944
Republicans	199
Democrats	184
Independents	561



IN MEMORIAM



CHENEY F. NEWTON

1880 / 1971

A Brimfield Town Officer

1903 / 1910

1940 / 1971

With concurrent terms, 66 years in public office

E'en as he trod that day to God, so walked he  
from his birth,  
In simpleness and gentleness and honor and  
clean mirth.

Kipling /

TOWN OFFICERS - 1971

Term Expires

TOWN CLERK

Juliane L. Spooner ..... 1973

MODERATOR

Frederick T. Prentiss ..... 1972

TREASURER

Clarence H. Keith ..... 1973

TAX COLLECTOR

Barbara W. Keith ..... 1973

SELECTMEN

Richard E. Souliere, Chairman ..... 1972

Alice M. Adams ..... 1972

Richard C. Allen ..... 1972

ASSESSORS

John M. Haley ..... 1974

Andrew W. Gondek ..... 1973

Charles W. Sherman ..... 1972

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Teresa Van Wagner, Resigned ..... 1974

Frances Tetreault appointed to March 1972

Carl L. Stearns ..... 1973

John O. Curtis ..... 1972

TANTASQUA REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Arnold R. Beaton ..... 1972

Johnstone Prescott ..... 1972

BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Theodore Steensen ..... 1974

Alice B. Matheson ..... 1973

Edward F. Langevin ..... 1972



CEMETERY COMMISSION

James A. Adams .....	1974
Cheney F. Newton, Deceased .....	1973
Everett D. Landen .....	1972

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lester W. Parker .....	1974
Ethel E. Spooner .....	1974
Olive D. Weston .....	1973
Roger W. Bennett .....	1973
John O. Curtis .....	1972
Bertha Osterheld .....	1972

TREE WARDEN

James A. Adams .....	1972
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CONSTABLES

Robert J. Cutler .....	1974
Brian N. Haley .....	1974
Authur J. Moreau .....	1974
William Roberts .....	1974
John H. Stanton .....	1974

TRUSTEES - HARRIET HARDING FUND

Fenton A. Hastings .....	1974
Edward J. Killian .....	1973
Alfred Wigglesworth .....	1972

PLANNING BOARD

William Roberts .....	1976
Robert Christo .....	1975
Louis Flowers .....	1974
Donald Spear .....	1973
William Gindele .....	1972

TRUSTEES - LINCOLN LIBRARY FUND

Everett D. Landen .....	1974
Roger W. Bennett .....	1973
Cheney F. Newton .....	1972

APPOINTIVE TOWN OFFICERS \_ 1971

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

	Term Expires
Joseph Dmuchovsky .....	1972

CHIEF, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST WARDEN

Robert L. Hanna .....	1972
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INSPECTOR OF BARNS AND ANIMALS

Lyman B. Stanton .....	1972
Arthur J. Moreau .....	1972

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Real J. Poirier ,.....	1972
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SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Edward J. Killian .....	1972
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AGENT, BOARD OF HEALTH

Lyman Stanton (for inspections) .....	1972
Marylou Antonavitch, R. N. ....	1972

VISITING NURSE

Mrs. Dorothy Chapman, Wales if no answer, call	Tel. 245-3389 283-6881
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VETERAN'S AGENT

Richard N. Bilodeau .....	1972
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COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD

Carolyn Van Brocklyn .....	1972
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MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

J. Frederick Lawrence .....	1972
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DOG OFFICER

Arthur J. Moreau .....	1972
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*FIELD DRIVERS*

	Term Expires
Brian Haley .....	1972
Neil Stalker .....	1972
Fenton Hastings .....	1972

*FENCE VIEWERS*

Brian Haley .....	1972
Franklin Smith .....	1972
Neil Stalker .....	1972

*TOWN COUNSEL*

Albert B. Cook .....	1972
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*FINANCE COMMITTEE*

Leo E. Lavigne .....	1974
Jean McGann .....	1974
Theodore Closson .....	1974
Gerald Guild .....	1973
William Spooner .....	1973
Harold E. Hitchcock .....	1973
Robert L. Roy .....	1972
Eugene Roberts .....	1972
David L. Cheney .....	1972

*JURY LIST*

Lester H. Sheldon .....	1973
William B. Cox .....	1973
Lucille VanDerlick .....	1974
James A. Adams, Jr. ....	1974
Lester A. Barton .....	1974
David L. Cheney .....	1974
John O. Curtis .....	1974
August DeMiranda .....	1974
Joseph Dmuchovsky .....	1974
Lester A. Dutka .....	1974
Edward F. Fossett .....	1974
H. Scott Gerrish .....	1974
Gerald A. Guild .....	1974
Herman F. Horton .....	1974

Drawn during 1971:

James E. McIntyre

Stanley C. Bigda

D. Walker Cheney

Richard E. Jones

Emily E. Spear

*REGISTRARS*

	Term Expires
Margaret Gilman .....	1974
Grace Stuart .....	1973
Margaret V. McIntyre .....	1972

*ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS*

Theodore W. Skowyra .....	1974
Wayne Barr .....	1973
Lester Dutka .....	1972

*ASSOCIATE MEMBERS*

George C. Gross .....	1973
Llewellyn B. Norton .....	1972

*BUILDING INSPECTOR AND ZONING OFFICER*

Wardwell B. Cox .....	1972
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*CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR*

C. Kenneth Silvius, Deceased	
Richard A. Morris .....	1972

*TRI-TOWN RECREATION COMMITTEE*

Leonard Muska .....	1972
Patricia Guild .....	1972
Edward J. Ahern .....	1972

*PLANNING BOARD - BOARD OF APPEALS*

D. Walker Cheney .....	1974
Donald Moriarty .....	1973
Stanley Vaill .....	1972

*ASSOCIATE MEMBERS*

Robert Sturtevant .....	1973
August DeMiranda .....	1972

*SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE*

William Hall	Robert Van Brocklyn
Frederick Prentiss	John O. Curtis

William Whitten

Terms expire when final acceptance and report is made.

*INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION*

Members of the Planning Board

*CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

William B. Cox ;.....	1974
Glenn McIntyre, Resigned .....	1973
Joseph DiFabio, Appointed .....	
Sherman Boutwell , Resigned .....	1973
Nancy Cox, Appointed .....	
David C. Williams .....	1972
Maurice St. Clair .....	1972

*MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE*

Albert Gendreau .....	1972
Florence Gendreau .....	1972
Margaret Gilman .....	1972
James A. Adams, Jr. ....	1972
Theodore W. Skowyra .....	1972

*BY-LAW COMMITTEE*

Theodore W. Skowyra .....	1972
George B. Adams .....	1972
Andrew W. Gondek .....	1972

*CARETAKER AT DUMP*

Lyman Stanton .....	1972
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*GAS INSPECTOR*

Merritt Hyatt .....	1972
R.F.D. 1, Palmer, Massachusetts	

*CARETAKER AT COMMON*

L. Victor Howlett .....	1972
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## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### Licenses issued for the Division of Fisheries and Game:

158	Resident Fishing
82	Resident Hunting
98	Resident Sporting
39	Resident Minor Fishing
64	Resident Female Fishing
2	Resident Citizen Trapping
17	Special Non-Resident Fishing
22	Non-Resident Fishing
2	Alien Fishing
6	Non-Resident Hunting
2	Duplicate licenses
20	Archery Stamps
25	Resident Sporting (Free)
11	Military Sporting (Free)

### DOGS LICENSED

7	Male @ \$2.00	\$ 14.00
153	Male @ \$3.00	459.00
3	Female @ \$5.00	15.00
43	Female @ \$6.00	258.00
2	Spayed Female @ \$2.00	4.00
61	Spayed Female @ \$3.00	183.00
10	Kennel @ \$10.00	100.00
1	Kennel @ \$25.00	25.00
1	Kennel @ \$50.00	50.00
		<hr/>
		\$1108.00

### Less Clerk's fees

226	@ 25¢	56.50
55	@ 35¢	<u>19.25</u>
		75.75

Balance paid to Treasurer      \$1032.25

### BRIEF ABSTRACT OF DOG LAWS:

The owner or keeper of any dog three months old or over must have said dog licensed. Licenses are due and payable on or before March 31st of each year. Whoever violates the provisions of the dog laws shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$15.00.



## BIRTHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
1970		
December		
3	Eric James Sturtevant	Robert J. Sturtevant and Diane Leona Lavoie
1971		
March		
7	Kimberly Pierce	Roland Pierce and Nancy Lou Knapp
8	Charles Eric Parker, Jr.	Charles E. Parker and Betty Jean Worcester
16	Tina Marie Swentinckus	Donald A. Swentinckus Bonnie Lou Cote
June		
6	Matthew Avery Rice	Thomas W. Rice and Lois Ann Pearl
9	Daniel David Vennert	William E. Vennert, Jr. Margaret E. Armitage
19	Matthew Paul M. Nacsin	Joseph D. Nacsin, Sr. Shirley E. Meyrick
July		
9	Evangelos Joseph Panousis	Evangelos Panousis and Diane Celeste Savard
22	Charles Montgomery Jolin	Emile G. Jolin and Sylvia C. Plouffe
29	Kenneth Aaron Tetreault	Ronald A. Tetreault, Sr. Mae Zagraniczny
August		
2	Mark Shawn Cimicud	Peter Paul Cimicud and Ruth Ann Skenandore
30	Gayle Marie Moreau	Ronald A. Moreau and Carol A. Armstrong
September		
30	Christina Marie Bressette	Kenneth P. Bressette and Velzora Mae Langlitz
30	Christina Ellen Canary	Charles H. Canary and Carolyn Joyce Simpson
October		
16	Shanoah Ann Whitman	Claude E. Whitman, Sr. Norma Jean DeWitte

November		
3	Mark Anthony Higgins	John T. Higgins and Lorraine C. Walker
20	Gloria Anne Christo	Robert Christo and Elizabeth A. Zenella
23	Jack Harry Baldina, Jr.	Jack Harry Baldina and Elaine Loretta Leveillee
24	James Edward West	Raymond Oliver West and Diane B. Starbuck
24	Wayne Scott Dillon	Wayne Dillon and Sharyn L. Burns
December		
3	Richard William Whitten	William F. Whitten, Jr. Debra Lee Yeomans
6	Donald Henry Bolduc, Jr.	Donald H. Bolduc and Nancy Ann Hicks
16	Thomas Andrew Sharkey	James J. Sharkey and Sandra Lee Phillips

### DEATHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>Days</u>
1971				
January				
7	Louis Hertan	75	11	17
23	Appoline (Cloutier) Desharnais	82	11	14
23	Marjorie (Smith) Barr	76	1	25
February				
7	Isabella M. (Skinner) Blair	93	10	11
24	Homer Leonard Parker	55	1	10
March				
10	Charles Kenneth Silvius	60	1	15
21	Daniel B. Sullivan, Jr.	62	11	25
27	Alphonso P. Inman	99	-	-
April				
5	Edward J. O'Keefe	67	8	20
May				
7	Edmund T. Cantwell	67	4	25
9	Herman L. Nobles	57	4	27
9	Huey Miller	61	8	14
15	Cheney F. Newton	91	1	13
June				
9	Nellie (Hecox) Sheldon	87	5	11
15	John H. Dady	68	1	18
July				
29	Earl Henry Dane	59	1	8
24	Melvina (Prairie) Bourguignon	66	4	28

August				
7	Pauline (McAlman) Stanton	40	7	1
September				
9	Joseph Napoleon Pelletier	82	8	5
17	Adolph Kreczko	84	-	-
October				
2	Walter Franklyn Waite	53	2	3
3	Helen M. (Welch) Hitchcock	61	0	19
9	Agatha Conway	76	5	9
18	Mary (Dawson) Moore	67	2	11
24	Rose Sternowski	59	2	18
29	Henry J. Bourguignon	70	3	19
November				
7	Amy B. (Wirf) George	75	4	20
23	Inez (Ray) Kerker	83	5	7
December				
15	Arthur Alfred Langway	73	9	2
31	Ernest G. Roberts	68	8	29

### MARRIAGES RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
1971				
January				
30	Robert J. Lapham	Waterville Me.	Margaret A. Crandall	Plantsville, Ct.
April				
3	DuWayne R. Klatt	Ripon, Wisc.	Sheryl Ann MacConnell	Brimfield
17	Carl Lyle Benson	Palmer	Mary Theresa Casavant	Brimfield
24	Francis J. Grise, Jr.	Brimfield	Diane M. Fountain	Three Rivers
May				
4	John C. Champartes	Brimfield	Delia M. Bergeron	Brimfield
8	Arthur J. Bonneau, Jr.	Brimfield	Linda L. Racicot	Warren
28	Richard R. Tetreault	Holland	Norma E. Dumas	Sturbridge
June				
5	Rene P. Casavant	Brimfield	Linda M. Zola	Warren
12	David R. Caplette	Southbridge	Patricia A. Fredette	Brimfield
12	Jack H. Baldina	Brimfield	Elaine L. Parker	No. Brookfield



19	Paul V. Calderon	W. Springfield	Agnes M. Bennett	Independence, Mo.
19	John C. Closson	Williston, Vt.	Kathleen M. Mahoney	Sturbridge
19	Dennis A. Casavant	Brimfield	Mary Ann Adamczyk	Palmer
22	Whitney L. Frye	Eastford, Ct.	Shirley E. Hicks	Brimfield
26	Thomas A. Brogan	Sturbridge	Barbara A. Rasys	Brimfield
July				
3	Robert A. Lafond	Palmer	Martha J. Thompson	Monson
3	Paul R. Laroche	Palmer	Candace E. Thompson	Monson
3	Robert R. Baillargeon	Springfield	Ellen L. Savoy	Springfield
9	Paul C. Wales	Brimfield	Mary J. Riley	Wales
17	Wilfred J. Meloche, Jr	Holland	Elsie H. Dittrich	Holyoke
18	Clifford A. Phaneuf, Jr.	Springfield	Linda M. F. Collette	Springfield
31	Walter F. Reid	Brimfield	Margaret H. Bosworth	Brimfield
August				
7	Eric T. Dugay	Monson	Susan M. Haney	Brimfield
14	Lewis A. Blair, Jr.	Brimfield	Brenda M. Joyce	Sturbridge
21	Raymond R. Roberts, Jr.	Brimfield	Roselinda G. Smith	Brookfield
28	Charles L McGann, Jr	Brimfield	Diane T. Michaud	Palmer
September				
2	Charles L. Perry	Monson	Vivian L. P. Ramsey	Brimfield
4	Richard Therrien	Wales	Sandra Boyd	Holland
October				
2	Robert S. Gay, Jr.	Brimfield	Anita L. Lorion	Worcester
9	Joseph H. Banning	Glastonbury, Ct	Patricia L. Flannery	Wales
November				
6	Timothy R. Morin	Brimfield	Rose Marie Smith	Hampden



6	Lawrence J. Lippe	Holland	Deborah A. Church	Holland
20	Barry C. Huber	Brimfield	Ellen J. Haney	Brimfield
29	William F. Whitten, Jr.	Brimfield	Deborah L. Yoemans	E. Longmeadow
December				
5	Ronald D. Fortier	Sturbridge	Sandra F. Cutler	Brimfield
11	Philip E. Chipman	No. Brookfield	Christine A. Lilla	Brimfield
31	Duane M. Dickinson	Wales	Susan M. Holland	Stafford Sp., Ct.

ABSTRACTS OF ACTION TAKEN DURING 1971 TOWN MEETINGS:

March 8, 1971 - Election of Officers

March 1, 1971 - Annual appropriations meeting.

- Article 1. Accepted reports of Town Officers.
- Article 2. Voted salaries of Town Officers remain same except Treasurer increased \$100 to \$900.00 and Town Clerk increased \$450 to \$900.00.
- Article 3. Voted to appropriate \$1675.39 from Compensation Ins. Fund, for compensation insurance.
- Article 4. Voted to turn the Dog Fund over to the Library.
- Article 5. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of revenue.
- Article 6. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursements.
- Article 7. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell at auction, Tax Title property.
- Article 8. Voted to R & A \$100.00 for Civil Defense.
- Article 9. Voted to R & A \$5750 for Chap. 90 Maintenance.
- Article 10. Voted to R & A \$5500 for Chap. 90 Construction.
- Article 11. Voted to R & A \$2000 to surface a section of unpaved road.
- Article 12. Voted to transfer \$11,522.37 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Account.
- Article 13. Voted to R & A \$2900 and appropriate \$2000 from Machinery Account to purchase a highway truck (cab and chassis).
- Article 14. Voted to take no action on disposal of old truck. (worth more to keep than to sell).
- Article 15. Voted to R & A \$1000 for repairs to town sidewalks.

- Article 16. Voted to R & A \$500 for repair and/or replace street signs.
- Article 17. Voted to appropriate \$3662.12 of Chap. 768 funds for reconstruction of Dunhamtown-Brimfield Road.
- Article 18. Voted to R & A \$5748 to pay balance due on Fire Truck.
- Article 19. Voted to appropriate State Aid \$500 for Library for 1971, for the use of the Library.
- Article 20. Voted to reappoint present school building committee to serve until addition completed and accepted.
- Article 21. Voted to transfer land adjacent to the school from the former Hitchcock property to the school department.
- Article 22. Voted to R & A \$3000 for playground improvement, to be administered by school committee.
- Article 23. Voted no money for a well on school property.
- Article 24. Voted no money for a storage facility on school property.
- Article 25. Voted to R & A \$37.00 for improved street lighting at Hitchcock Academy.
- Article 26. Voted to R & A \$80.00 to improve street lighting at Youth Center on Wales Road.
- Article 27. Voted that \$15,180 be appropriated for Assessor's Maps, of which \$5,060 be R & A at this time, the Treasurer to borrow \$10,120 to be repaid in not more than 2 years.

Article 28. Voted to take no action on zoning for apartment houses, as article was not in proper form.

Article 29. Voted to increase minimum lot size to one acre (18,750 sq. feet).

NOTE - ARTICLE 29 APPROVED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
ON AUGUST 17, 1971.

Article 30. Voted to take no action on re-zoning south side of Route 20 from business to residential-agricultural.

Article 31. Voted to appropriate no money for an addition to the fire station.

Article 32. Voted to R & A \$300 for snow removal at Sherman Lake.

Article 33. Voted to authorize Selectmen to negotiate and sell to Comm. of Mass. land needed for relocation of route 20.

Article 34. Voted to appropriate no money for 1970 accounts payable, as there are none.

Article 35. Voted to R & A amounts specified in budget except that Treasurer's Account be \$1400; Tax Collector's Acct. be \$1820.00; Town Clerk's Account be \$1275; Town Reports \$1009.50; Street Lighting \$2767.00; Library \$4660; also that \$20,000 of the school budget be appropriated from available funds.

Article 36. Voted to appropriate no money for the Stabilization Fund.



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - December 29, 1971

Article 1. Voted to transfer the sum of \$12,478.84 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

Article 2. Voted to create an Industrial Zone in the area occupied by Brimfield Precision, Incorporated.

NOTE - ARTICLE 2 APPROVED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
ON JANUARY 27, 1972.

Article 3. Voted not to regulate sand and loam removal as stated in the article.

Article 4. Voted not to regulate signs as stated in the article.

The foregoing information regarding Town Meeting Action is in the form of an abstract only, and does not reflect the actual wording of the official records.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliane L. Spooner  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Voters of the Town of Brimfield:

This has been a very eventful year.

Suit was brought against the Town by Frank Methot of Hollow Road for damages to his car caused by a rolling stone on the Chapter 90 Construction on Hollow Road last year. The Palmer District Court found for the Town in this case.

Suit is pending in the alleged violation of the zoning by-law by Walter Pleu on East Brimfield-Holland Road. The case of the Brimfield Precision is at a standstill pending the approval by the Attorney General of the action taken by the town at the recent special town meeting.

There have been numerous complaints about violation of the zoning by-laws this year. All of these have been turned over to the Building Inspector for disposition. He has come to agreeable terms with all parties concerned.

We'd like to thank our Highway Superintendent, Real Poirier, for another very successful year. This year the last section of Chapter 90 on Hollow Road was completed without incident. Under Chapter 768, the drainage project on Dunhamtown-Brimfield Rd. that was started last year was completed. Hopefully this section of road can be resurfaced and finished this year. With the funds under the Unpaved Road Account another section of East Hill Road was widened and oiled. Our thanks go out to Mr. Poirier for a job well done.

Under the Emergency Employment Act we were able to hire three general maintenance men for the Town. One of these men is to be shared on equal time with the Town of Holland. These men are currently taking care of the dump, cutting brush on the town roads, and general maintenance of all town buildings. There have been numerous repairs to the Town Hall, including a new office built next to the Assessor's office in the basement. The only cost to the Town for these men is 10% of their labor, which 10% is largely covered by In-Kind Services, such as training, use of town-owned equipment, attendance at EEA meetings, etc.; the Federal Government pays the

rest. We have many more projects in mind for these men for the coming year.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all departments for their cooperation and help this year. I also wish to thank my fellow selectmen, Alice M. Adams and Richard C. Allen, and our clerk, Julie Spooner, without whose help I would have been lost.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Souliere, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## REAL ESTATE

### 1971

Commitments as per warrants		\$358,104.60
Abatements refunded		<u>486.36</u>
		\$358,590.96

Cash to Treasurer	\$312,382.06	
To Tax Title	5,806.71	
Abatements	<u>15,169.77</u>	<u>333,358.54</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971		\$ 25,232.42

### 1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$ 26,170.24
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Cash to Treasurer	\$ 20,933.01	
To Tax Title	4,339.94	
Abatements	<u>179.65</u>	<u>25,452.60</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971		\$ 717.64

### 1969

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$ 6,514.10
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Cash to Treasurer	\$ 2,935.88	
To Tax Title	2,683.50	
Abatements	<u>26.52</u>	<u>5,645.90</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971		\$ 868.20

### 1968

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$ 1,898.52
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Cash to Treasurer	\$ 1,327.04	
To Tax Title	417.56	
Abatements	<u>101.40</u>	<u>1,846.00</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971		\$ 52.52



1967

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	321.70
Cash to Treasurer	\$	44.02	
To Tax Title		2.60	
Abatements		<u>232.96</u>	<u>279.58</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971		\$	42.12

1966

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	262.90
To Tax Title	\$	2.35	
Abatements		<u>260.55</u>	<u>262.90</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			0

1965

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	42.90
To Tax Title	\$	1.95	
Abatement		<u>40.95</u>	<u>42.90</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			0

1964

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	27.71
To Tax Title	\$	1.80	
Abatement		<u>25.91</u>	<u>27.71</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			0

CLASSIFIED FOREST LAND

1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	93.52
Cash to Treasurer			<u>93.52</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			0

FARM ANIMAL

1971

Commitment as per warrant		\$	364.35
Cash to Treasurer			<u>364.35</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			0

1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971	\$	30.00
Cash to Treasurer		<u>18.78</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971	\$	11.22

PERSONAL PROPERTY

1971

Commitment as per warrant	\$	44,397.36
Cash to Treasurer	\$	43,728.30
Abatement		<u>231.84</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971	\$	<u>43,960.14</u> 437.22

1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971	\$	365.68
Cash to Treasurer	\$	240.24
Abatement		<u>77.84</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971	\$	<u>318.08</u> 47.60

1969

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971	\$	171.36
Cash to Treasurer	\$	44.20
Abatement		<u>34.68</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971	\$	<u>78.88</u> 92.48

1968

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971	\$	118.56
Cash to Treasurer	\$	52.00
Abatement		<u>66.56</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971		<u>118.56</u> 0

1967

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971	\$	7.80
Abatement		<u>7.80</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971		0

1966

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971	\$	7.05
Abatement		<u>7.05</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971		0

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1971

Commitments as per warrants	\$	47,803.30
Abatements refunded		<u>874.21</u>
	\$	48,677.51

Cash to Treasurer	\$	36,929.15	
Abatements		<u>5,182.82</u>	<u>42,111.97</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			\$ 6,565.54

1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971	\$	3,451.75
1970 Commitment submitted in 1971		7,239.34
Abatements refunded		<u>261.82</u>
	\$	10,952.91

Cash to Treasurer	\$	8,409.59	
Abatements		<u>1,588.67</u>	<u>9,998.26</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			\$ 954.65

1969

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	1,034.58
Cash to Treasurer	\$	198.63	
Abatements		<u>466.76</u>	<u>665.39</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971		\$	369.19

1968

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	872.19
Cash to Treasurer	\$	296.25	
Abatements		<u>482.16</u>	<u>778.41</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971		\$	93.78

1967

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	409.55
Cash to Treasurer	\$	158.05	
Abatements		<u>251.09</u>	<u>409.14</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971		\$	<u>.41</u>

1966

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	471.15
Cash to Treasurer	\$	16.50	
Abatements		<u>454.65</u>	<u>471.15</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			<u>0</u>

1965

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	260.71
Cash to Treasurer	\$	46.20	
Abatements		<u>214.51</u>	<u>260.71</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			<u>0</u>

1964

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	125.68
Abatements			<u>125.68</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			<u>0</u>

1963

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	132.00
Abatements			<u>132.00</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			<u>0</u>

1962

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1971		\$	33.00
Abatement			<u>33.00</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1971			<u>0</u>

Trailer Park Receipts (Meadowbrook Acres)    \$    6,024.00

A list of delinquent taxpayers will be posted in my office on March 1, 1972.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara W. Keith  
Tax Collector



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1971	\$ 78,806.25	
Cash Receipts	<u>3,126,620.78</u>	\$3,205,427.03
Paid on Treasury Warrants	\$3,040,554.90	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1971	<u>164,872.13</u>	\$3,205,427.03
Funds in Custody of Treasurer:		
Harriet Allen School Fund		\$ 1,553.57
Mary Burns School Fund		2,089.40
Library Funds:		
Mary Hyde	831.50	
Ursula Shaw	2,489.09	
Endocia Flynt	103.52	
Albert Tarbell	200.00	
Julia Coy	645.04	
Elizabeth Robinson	411.41	
Fitzhenry Warren	1,000.00	
Emily Woods	500.00	
Philip Burns	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		7,180.56
Harriet Harding Fund		4,708.49
James Lincoln Library Building		4,195.72
Chamberlain Smith Historical Fund		643.57
Persall Monument Fence Fund		232.32
Bliss Cemetery Gate Fund		76.25
Cemetery Wall Fund		542.85
Hoyt Animal Cemetery Fund		785.64
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Principal		20,585.55
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Interest		<u>19,106.67</u>
		\$ 61,700.59

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence H. Keith  
Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Raised by Taxation	\$ 656,905.45
Appropriated from Available Funds	39,746.51
Deficits Due to Abatements	986.85
School Lunch Program	1,525.58
Free Public Libraries	500.00
Veterans' Service District Assessment	1,162.80
County Tax	16,101.36
State Recreation Areas	3,501.79
Audit	364.47
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	232.05
Overlay of Current Year	<u>16,390.55</u>
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$ 737,645.94
Available Funds and Estimated Receipts	<u>336,265.38</u>
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 401,380.56
Tax Rate - \$63.00 per M	
Personal Property Valuation	704,720.00
Real Estate Valuation	<u>5,666,400.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$ 6,371,120.00

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Gondek  
John M. Haley  
Charles W. Sherman

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**  
**For the year ending December 31, 1971**

RECEIPTS  
General Revenue

**Taxes:**

Personal 1971	\$ 43,728.30	
Personal Previous Years	336.44	
Real Estate 1971	312,382.06	
Real Estate Previous Years	25,239.95	
Tax Title Redemptions	<u>5,249.57</u>	\$ 386,936.32
Classified Forest Land		
Previous Years		93.52
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Levy of 1971	36,929.15	
Previous Years	<u>9,127.22</u>	46,056.37
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1971	364.35	
Previous Years	<u>18.78</u>	383.13
Special Assessments		
Trailer Parks		6,024.00
Commonwealth of Mass.		
Valuation Basis	9,744.15	
Machinery Basis	196.45	
Corporation Tax	9,149.11	
State Forest Lieu of Taxes	3,300.38	
Special Education	<u>4,500.31</u>	26,890.40
State and Federal Aid		
School Aid Chapter 69-71	6,727.00	
Chapter 71	47,940.20	
School Lunch Reimb.	<u>4,949.01</u>	59,616.21
Licenses, Permits and Fees		
Liquor Licenses	1,150.00	
All Others	<u>435.40</u>	1,585.40
Court Fines		320.00

Tax Liens	12.00
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Federal Grants

N. D. E. A.	249.36
Chapter 768 Acts of 1967	<u>3,662.12</u>

3,911.48

State Grants

School Aid Chapter 70	146,969.00
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	1,345.00
Highways Ch. 81 Maint.	<u>31,454.38</u>

179,768.38

Gifts from Individuals

Graves and Foundations	925.00
Sales of Cemetery Lots	<u>10.00</u>

935.00

TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE

\$ 712,532.21

Commercial Revenue

General Government

Uncashed Check Tailing	12.32
Phone Commission	<u>68.50</u>

80.82

Public Safety

Dog Warden Service	804.00
Dog Fund	<u>386.65</u>

1,190.65

Highways

Joint Maint. State	5,750.00
Joint Maint. County	5,750.00
Machinery Rentals	18,832.42
Joint Construction State	33,000.00
Joint Construction County	16,500.00
Compensation Insurance	<u>1,713.10</u>

81,545.52

Public Welfare

Veterans' Benefits	1,346.79
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Schools

Sale of Furn. & Fix.	240.00
Lunch Receipts	<u>7,173.88</u>

7,413.88

Library

State Aid	819.80
Fines	<u>192.37</u>

1,012.17



Interest

On Deposits	38.52	
On Deferred Taxes	1,598.51	
On Tax Titles Redeemed	908.95	
On Special Assessments	1.64	
On M.V. Excise	146.31	
On School Bonds	1,735.56	
On Library Funds	377.02	
On Investments	<u>12,964.97</u>	
		<u>17,771.48</u>

TOTAL COMMERCIAL REVENUE \$ 110,361.31

Municipal Indebtedness

Revenue Loans	325,000.00	
Highway Loans	45,600.00	
New School Bond Loan	<u>710,000.00</u>	<u>1,080,600.00</u>

TOTAL MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS \$1,080,600.00

Agency, Trust & Investment

Agency:

Dog Licenses for County	900.00	
Federal W.H. Taxes	26,737.63	
Mass. W.H. Taxes	7,054.33	
County Retirement	1,697.81	
Group Ins. Life W.H.	209.33	
Group Ins. Hospital	<u>2,297.08</u>	
		38,896.18

Trust:

Cemetery Perpetual		
Care Fund	1,093.75	
Cemetery Perpetual		
Care Gift	<u>300.00</u>	
		1,393.75

Investment:

Treasury Bills and		
Deposits Certificates		<u>1,179,306.39</u>

TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST &  
INVESTMENTS \$1,219,596.32

## Refunds and Transfers

### Refunds:

Unclassified	353.35	
Machinery Maint.	2,398.16	
School Dept.	297.41	
Veterans' Benefits	466.00	
Group Insurance Town	8.01	
Group Insurance W.H.	8.01	<u>3,530.94</u>

TOTAL REFUNDS & TRANSFERS \$ 3,530.94

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$3,126,620.78

CASH JANUARY 1, 1971 78,806.25

TOTAL \$3,205,427.03

## PAYMENTS

### General Government

Moderator  
Salary 100.00

Selectmen  
Salaries 1,400.00  
Clerk Salary 400.00  
Printing, Stationery, Postage 133.30  
Travel 140.50  
Telephone 350.20  
Dues 54.00  
Hospital Expense 112.00  
Dog List 50.00  
Advertising 6.88  
Car Insurance 33.21  
2,680.09

Accountant  
Salary 1,200.00  
Travel 23.00  
Printing, Postage, Stationery 3.80  
Dues 5.00  
Clerk Hire 10.00  
1,241.80

Treasurer  
Salary 900.00  
Travel 28.00  
Printing, Stationery, Postage 311.71

Surety Bond	125.00	
Redemption Certificates	24.00	
Dues	4.00	
Telephone	<u>.30</u>	1,393.01
Tax Collector		
Salary	750.00	
Insurance	113.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	527.21	
Surety Bond	210.00	
Dues	4.00	
Advertising	181.69	
Clerk Hire	<u>21.00</u>	1,824.90
Assessors		
Salaries	2,250.00	
Clerk Salary	400.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	289.50	
Travel	158.00	
Dues	15.00	
Advertising	22.53	
Adding Machine Rental	<u>15.00</u>	3,150.03
Finance Committee		
Salary		75.00
Certification		
Certifying Notes		20.00
Law Department		
Town Counsel Salary	400.00	
Legal Fees and Expense	<u>173.65</u>	573.65
Town Clerk		
Salary	900.00	
Recording Fees	72.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	224.42	
Surety Bond	10.00	
Dues	10.00	
Travel	<u>33.00</u>	1,249.42
Election and Registration		
Registrars' Salaries	141.76	
Election Officers' Salaries	154.93	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	96.38	
Lunches	17.31	
Clerk Salary	50.00	
Street Lists & Typing	<u>295.75</u>	756.13

Planning Board		
Legal Advertising	41.63	
Clerk Hire	<u>8.00</u>	
		49.63
Zoning Board of Appeals		
Printing, Stationery, Postage	50.09	
Clerk Hire	49.00	
Office Equipment	<u>82.29</u>	
		181.38
Town Hall		
Janitor Salary	900.00	
Fuel	1,000.48	
Light	170.60	
Janitor Supplies	1.10	
Repairs and Maintenance	<u>377.54</u>	
		2,449.72
Town Garage & Fire Station		
Maint.		
Fuel	831.73	
Lights	542.80	
Repairs and Maintenance	<u>259.88</u>	
		<u>1,634.41</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$	17,379.17

### Public Safety

Police Department		
Wages	754.50	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	45.35	
Paint	4.18	
Signs	5.50	
Travel Chief	<u>190.47</u>	
		1,000.00
Fire Department		
Chief Salary	350.00	
Forest Fire Wages	633.00	
New Equipment	119.90	
Radios	600.00	
Gas and Oil	272.57	
Parts and Repairs	875.11	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	7.50	
Telephone	532.30	
Insurance Equipment	2,245.96	
Dues	10.00	
Flowers	<u>20.00</u>	
		5,666.34



Civil Defense		
Director Salary	100.00	
Tools and Supplies	<u>14.65</u>	114.65
Constables		
Travel Expense		200.00
Dog Warden Service		
Care of Dogs	740.00	
Killing of Dogs	<u>88.00</u>	828.00
Building Inspector		
Postage		1.94
Insect Pest Control		
Superintendent Wages	62.50	
Labor	125.00	
Travel	18.69	
Compensation Insurance	8.81	
Tree Removal Hire	<u>685.00</u>	900.00
Tree Warden		
Salary	100.00	
Tree Removal	205.00	
New Equipment	<u>194.95</u>	499.95
		<u>          </u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ 9,210.88

### Health and Sanitation

Health Department		
Adm. Expense	68.09	
Medicine & Med. Attendance	321.60	
Pest Control	130.00	
Board Clerk Salary	100.00	
Board Agent Salary	200.00	
Animal Inspector	75.00	
Water Repairs	<u>105.50</u>	
TOTAL HEALTH		\$ 1,000.19

Care of Dump	
Caretaker Wages	636.00
Bulldozing	1,155.50
Trucking	626.25

Tree Removal	25.00	
Highway Superintendent	279.00	
Highway Labor	417.00	
Highway Trucks	655.28	
Highway Hired Equipment	766.00	
Compensation Insurance	32.71	
Fill, Gravel and Others	<u>1,009.00</u>	
		<u>5,601.74</u>

TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION \$ 6,601.93

### Highways

#### General Highways

##### Bridge Repairs

Superintendent Salary	670.50	
Labor	514.00	
Lumber and Materials	104.29	
Truck Rentals	415.55	
Hired Equipment	254.00	
Culverts	684.57	
Compensation Insurance	<u>55.67</u>	

Total Bridge 2,698.58

#### General Highways

##### Snow Removal

Superintendent Salary	3,343.50	
Labor	5,499.50	
Sand, Gravel and Salt	2,518.20	
Truck Rentals	6,838.15	
Hired Equipment	1,814.00	
Compensation Insurance	<u>403.25</u>	<u>20,416.60</u>

Total General Highway \$ 23,115.18

Highway Truck Purchase 4,900.00

#### Unpaved Roads

Superintendent Salary	153.00	
Labor	225.50	
Compensation Insurance	17.78	
Truck Rentals	281.00	
Hired Equipment	492.00	
Gravel and Oil	<u>949.44</u>	

2,118.72

Highway Repairs Account		
Superintendent Salary	261.00	
Labor	461.00	
Compensation Insurance	33.94	
Truck Rentals	658.95	
Hired Equipment	1,308.00	
Gravel	<u>157.50</u>	
		2,880.39
Lake Sherman Association		
Snow Removal		300.00
Street Signs Repairs		
Superintendent Salary	36.00	
Labor	270.50	
Signs and Paint	63.34	
Compensation Insurance	14.41	
Truck Rentals	<u>33.60</u>	
		417.85
Sidewalk Repairs		
Superintendent Salary	76.50	
Labor	143.50	
Compensation Insurance	10.34	
Truck Rentals	57.95	
Hired Equipment	50.00	
Topping	<u>45.33</u>	
		383.62
Chapter 768 Highway Improvement		
Superintendent Salary	207.00	
Labor	386.00	
Culverts, Blocks and Stakes	1,940.53	
Truck Rentals	433.20	
Compensation Insurance	27.82	
Hired Equipment	722.00	
Advertising	<u>6.00</u>	
		3,722.55
Chapter 81 Maintenance		
Superintendent Salary	3,114.00	
Labor	4,623.50	
Stone, Gravel and Others	1,204.26	
Truck Rentals	3,414.95	
Hired Equipment	2,321.00	
Compensation Insurance	363.67	
Top and Cold Patch	590.37	
Oiling	4,423.92	
Culverts and Others	<u>103.85</u>	
		20,159.52

Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Superintendent Salary	522.00	
Labor	782.00	
Compensation Insurance	61.29	
Truck Rentals	858.35	
Topping	9,828.75	
Oiling	677.08	
Guard Rails	114.92	
Culverts and Blocks	84.07	
Fence	156.25	
Painting and Hired Equipment	<u>4,165.00</u>	
		17,249.71
Chapter 90 Construction 1970		
Superintendent Salary	1,615.50	
Labor	2,223.50	
Compensation Insurance	179.78	
Truck Rentals	1,225.45	
Post, Stakes, Cement Blocks and Top	5,046.18	
Hired Equipment	1,092.00	
Adv. and Tools	<u>30.00</u>	
		11,412.41
Chapter 90 Construction 1971		
Superintendent Salary	1,557.00	
Labor	3,230.50	
Compensation Insurance	225.01	
Truck Rentals	3,848.75	
Materials, Stakes, Posts Culverts, Topping	3,238.37	
Hired Equipment	9,879.50	
Filing Fees and Tools	<u>20.87</u>	
		22,000.00
Machinery Maintenance		
Superintendent Salary	2,871.00	
Labor	3,019.00	
Compensation Insurance	272.24	
Telephone	256.71	
Parts and Repairs	11,941.17	
Gas and Oil	3,900.41	
Equipment Insurance	1,743.38	
Janitor's Supplies and First Aid	<u>160.92</u>	
		24,164.83
Street Lighting		
Streets	2,675.03	
Phone Booth	<u>75.19</u>	
		<u>2,750.22</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS		\$ 135,575.00



Public Welfare

Veterans' Benefits	<u>6,436.00</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE	\$ 6,436.00

Schools

School Department

Administration

School Committee Salaries	300.00
Superintendent Salary	1,960.92
Asst. Supt. Salary	1,463.81
Treasurer and Clerks	3,286.57
Dues and Others	64.48
Printing, Stationery, Postage	1,322.87
Telephone	1,014.49
Travel	942.78
School Census	225.00
Office Equipment, Rental and Maintenance	545.70

Expenses

Principal's Clerk Salary	2,232.52
Elem. Teachers' Salaries	130,586.16
Substitutes Salaries	2,650.00
Teachers Aids & Pers.	
Hand. Aids	9,007.23
Tantasqua R.H.S.	266,361.12
Psychological Service	50.00
Text Books	2,685.91
Teaching Supplies	6,453.15
Recreation Director	6.00
E.S.E.A. Title II	260.82
School Lunches	13,238.34
Special Education Tuition	2,152.72
Vocational Tuition	1,337.82
Personal Training	172.44
Tantasqua Transportation	25,310.13
Elementary Transportation	15,707.07
Vocational Transportation	866.88
Special Ed. Transportation	4,496.64
Janitor's Service Office	59.16
Janitor's Service Elem.	9,989.65
Fuel	4,139.38
Light	3,387.02
Ground Maintenance	350.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	7,030.27
Janitor's Supplies	1,742.94

Playground Repairs & Maint.	2,678.30
Office Rent	237.35
Classrooms Rent	2,250.00
Furn. & Fix.	1,067.38
Athletic Supplies	19.75
Test Supplies	212.39
Insurance	18.28
Physician	871.00
Nurse	2,586.00
Nurse's Aid	142.45
Medical Supplies	<u>262.93</u>

531,745.82

New School Addition Bldg. Account

Contractor Payments	614,438.04
Performance Ins.	1,744.00
Advertising	9.20
Architect Fees	3,676.00
Furniture, Equipment & Supplies	32,325.98
Books, Teaching Supplies	1,302.40
Water System Installed	5,420.00
Earth Moving	321.52
All Others	<u>11.88</u>

659,249.02

TOTAL SCHOOLS

\$1,190,994.84

Library

Public Library

Librarian Salary	1,800.00
Assistant Wages	271.30
Janitor Salary	500.00
Books	1,155.69
Periodicals	222.79
Book Binding	62.40
Fuel	629.03
Light	245.94
Building Repairs & Maint.	660.40
Care of Grounds	129.00
Furniture	8.86
Janitor's Supplies	17.87
Stationery, Postage	95.67
Telephone	108.48
Dues	<u>5.00</u>

5,912.43

TOTAL LIBRARIES

\$ 5,912.43

Recreation & Unclassified

Recreation		
Town Common	500.00	
Recreation Committee	<u>494.50</u>	994.50
Unclassified		
Memorial Day	481.59	
Town Reports	1,009.50	
Town Property Insurance	5,578.55	
Town Chapter 32B Group Ins.	2,417.17	
Compensation Insurance	1,929.00	
Conservation Commission	48.34	
State Census	185.70	
Assessors' Maps	3,370.00	
Printing New School Bonds	<u>3,111.80</u>	
		<u>18,131.65</u>
TOTAL RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED \$		19,126.15

Cemetery

Cemetery Department		
Committee Salaries	245.83	
Labor	887.50	
New Equipment	28.75	
Hired Equipment	100.00	
Supplies	6.51	
Gas and Oil	32.54	
Parts and Repairs	<u>103.18</u>	<u>1,404.31</u>
TOTAL CEMETERY		\$ 1,404.31

Interest

Temporary Loans		
Revenue Loans	2,888.36	
Highway Loans	<u>2,476.32</u>	5,364.68
New School Bond Loan		20,146.25
Fire Truck Loan		<u>267.35</u>
TOTAL INTEREST		\$ 25,778.28

## Municipal Indebtedness

Temporary Loans		
Revenue Loans	325,000.00	
Highway Loans	<u>45,600.00</u>	
		370,600.00
General Loan		
Fire Truck Loan		5,748.00
Others		
Veterans' Service Dist.		
Assessment		1,162.80
State & County Assessments		
County Retirement System		2,482.00
County Tax		16,159.02
State Recreation Areas		2,728.22
Audit of Municipal Accounts		364.47
Pioneer Valley Pollution Control		140.77
M.V. Excise Bills		232.05
State Assessment System		<u>76.28</u>
TOTAL MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS	\$	399,693.61

## Agency, Trust and Investment

Agency		
Dog Licenses for County	900.00	
County Retirement	1,530.14	
Federal W.H. Taxes	27,608.35	
Mass. W.H. Taxes	6,475.15	
Chapter 32B Group Ins. W.H.	<u>2,415.73</u>	
		38,929.37
Trust & Investment		
Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Gifts	300.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Fund	<u>1,093.75</u>	
		1,393.75
Investment Treasury Bills and Cert.		
of Deposit		<u>1,179,306.39</u>
TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT		\$1,219,629.51



Refunds & Transfers

Refunds

Taxes

1,676.76

M.V. Excise

1,136.03

2,812.79

TOTAL REFUNDS & TRANSFERS

\$ 2,812.79

TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$3,040,554.90

CASH BALANCE December 31, 1971

164,872.13

TOTAL

\$3,205,427.03

**Town of Brimfield, December 31, 1971**  
**BALANCE SHEET**

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>	
Cash		Temporary Loans	
Accounts Receivable		Anticipation of Highway Reimbursement	\$ 45,600.00
Taxes:			
Levy of 1967		Loans Authorized and Unissued	
Real Estate	\$ 42.12	New School Addition Outside Debt Limit	4,243.09
1968			
Real Estate	52.52	Assessors Maps	Inside Debt Limit
1969			10,120.00
Real Estate		New School Bonds Loan Outstanding	710,000.00
1969	\$ 868.20		
Real Estate		Payroll Deductions	
1969		Federal W.H. Taxes	\$ 1,493.45
Personal Property	92.48	Mass. W.H. Taxes	1,125.31
1970		County Retirement	304.48
Real Estate	717.64	Chapter 32B Group Life Ins.	18.15
1970		Chapter 32B Group Health Ins.	243.53
Personal Property	47.60		3,184.92
1971	765.24		
Real Estate	25,232.42	Reserve Accounts	
1971		Overestimated Assessments:	
Personal Property	437.22	State Park & Recreation Areas	561.25
	25,669.64	Lower Pioneer Valley Air	
		Pollution Control	11.46
			572.71
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:			
Levy of 1967	.41	Tailing	171.62
1968	93.78	Unidentified Receipts	
1969	369.19	Former Collector	103.45
1970	954.65	Sale in Excess of Tax Title	32.46
1971	6,565.54	Sale of Cemetery Lots	20.00
		Assessors Map Account	1,690.00
		Compensation Insurance	
Farm Animal & Machinery Excise		Fund	1,519.62
Levy of 1970	11.22	Sherman Library Room Gift	170.42
			3,707.57

Tax Titles & Possessions					
Tax Titles	19,558.60			School Lunch Account	552.42
Tax Possessions	<u>520.97</u>		20,079.57	N.D.E.A. Title III Fed.	1,051.97
				E.S.E.A. Title II Fed.	58.98
Departmental Accounts:				New School Bond Premium Account	2,105.99
Dog Warden Services	90.00			New School Addition & Alteration Account	60,617.93
General Relief	41.43		2,651.79	New School Plans Account	<u>1,737.04</u>
Veterans' Benefits	<u>2,520.36</u>				66,124.33
State Aid to Highways:					
Chapter 81 Maint. 1971	3,745.25			Machinery Fund	2,552.52
Chapter 90 Maint. 1971	5,750.00		20,495.25	Chapter 90 1970 Boundary Pins	200.00
Chapter 90 Const. 1971	<u>11,000.00</u>			Chapter 768 Highway Fund	<u>7,324.24</u>
County Aid to Highways:					10,076.76
Chapter 90 Maint. 1971	5,750.00		11,250.00	Civil Defense Expense Acct. Federal	128.07
Chapter 90 Const. 1971	<u>5,500.00</u>				
Underestimated Assessments					
Overlay 1959	75.00			Overlay Reserves	960.68
1965	40.95			Overlay 1969	765.24
1966	267.60			1970	988.94
1967	240.76		841.67	1971	
1968	<u>217.36</u>				2,714.86
Prepaid Expenses by Town to be Reimbursed by State & County				Overlay Surplus	13,862.39
Chapter 81 Maint. 1971	3,744.77				
Chapter 90 Maint. 1971	11,499.71		31,744.48	Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	7,983.57
Chapter 90 Const. 1971	<u>16,500.00</u>			Farm Animal & Machinery Revenue	11.22
Underestimated State & County Assessments				Tax Title & Tax Possessions Revenue	20,079.57
County Tax Assessment			57.66	Departmental Revenue	2,651.79
Bal. Loans Authorized Outside Debt Limit				Aid to Highway Revenue	<u>31,745.25</u>
New School Addition			4,243.09		62,471.40

Bal. Loan Authorized Inside Debt Limit		
Assessors Maps	10,120.00	
Net Fixed & Funded Debt Outside Debt Limit		27,722.56
New School Addition	<u>710,000.00</u>	<u>51,311.97</u>
TOTAL	\$1,011,840.63	
		<u>79,034.53</u>
		\$1,011,840.63



1971 APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

<u>Account</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Transfer &amp; Others</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Overdraft or Balance</u>
Moderator Salary	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Selectmen Salaries	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,800.00	
Selectmen Expenses	1,200.00		1,200.00	880.09	319.91
Accountant Salary	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	
Accountant Expenses	200.00		200.00	41.80	158.20
Treasurer Salary	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Treasurer Expenses	500.00		500.00	493.01	6.99
Tax Collector Salary	750.00		750.00	750.00	
Tax Collector Expenses	1,070.00	\$ 4.90	1,074.90	1,074.90	
Assessors Salaries	2,650.00		2,650.00	2,650.00	
Assessors Expenses	565.00		565.00	500.03	64.97
Finance Committee Salary	75.00		75.00	75.00	
Finance Committee Expenses	50.00		50.00		50.00
Certifying Notes	30.00		30.00	20.00	10.00
Town Counsel Salary	400.00		400.00	400.00	
Legal Fees and Expenses	100.00	73.65	173.65	173.65	
Town Clerk Salary	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Town Clerk Expenses	375.00		375.00	349.42	25.58
Election & Registration	900.00		900.00	756.13	143.87
Planning Board	50.00		50.00	49.63	.37
Zoning Board of Appeals	100.00		500.00	181.38	318.62
Town Hall Salary	900.00	400.00	900.00	900.00	
Town Hall Expenses	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,549.72	250.28
Town Garage and Fire Station Maintenance	1,700.00		1,700.00	1,634.41	65.59
Police Department	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Constables Expenses	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Fire Department Salary	350.00		350.00	350.00	
Fire Department Expenses	5,650.00		5,650.00	5,316.34	333.66
Tree Warden Salary	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Tree Warden Expenses	400.00		400.00	399.95	.05

<u>Account</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Transfer &amp; Others</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Overdraft or Balance</u>
Insect Pest Control	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Dog Warden Service	600.00	228.00	828.00	828.00	
Civil Defense Salary	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Building Inspector	50.00		50.00	1.94	48.06
Health Department	4,225.00	2,376.93	6,601.93	6,601.93	
General Highways	21,000.00	2,115.18	23,115.18	23,115.18	
Sherman Lake Association	300.00		300.00	300.00	
Highway Repairs	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,999.65	.35
Unpaved Roads	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,999.46	.54
Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,560.00	13,854.75	16,414.75	20,159.52	-3,744.77
Chapter 90 Maintenance	5,750.00		5,750.00	17,249.71	-11,499.71
Chapter 90 Construction	5,500.00		5,500.00	22,000.00	-16,500.00
Street Lighting	2,767.00		2,767.00	2,750.22	16.78
Highway Truck Purchase	2,900.00	2,000.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	
Sidewalk Repairs	1,000.00		1,000.00	383.62	616.38
Street Signs	500.00		500.00	417.85	82.15
Veterans' Benefits	5,500.00	936.00	6,436.00	6,436.00	
School Department	257,167.83		257,167.83	248,944.83	8,223.00
School Playground	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,643.30	356.70
Tantasqua R.H.S.	266,361.12		266,361.12	266,361.12	
Library Salary	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,300.00	
Library Expenses	2,360.00	1,263.67	3,623.67	3,612.43	11.24
Common	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Recreation Committee	500.00		500.00	494.50	5.50
Town Reports	1,009.50		1,009.50	1,009.50	
Property Insurance	4,200.00	1,378.55	5,578.55	5,578.55	
Assessors Maps	5,060.00		5,060.00	3,370.00	1,690.00
Town Group Insurance	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,409.16	90.84
Conservation Committee	100.00		100.00	48.34	51.66
State Census	400.00		400.00	185.70	214.30
Memorial Day	400.00	81.59	481.59	481.59	
Reserve Fund	10,000.00		10,000.00	7,670.44	2,329.56
Cemetery Department Salary	300.00		300.00	245.83	54.17
Cemetery Department Expenses	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,158.48	141.52
Interest Account	26,500.00		26,500.00	25,778.28	721.72
County Retirement System	2,482.00		2,482.00	2,482.00	
Fire Truck Loan Balance	5,748.00		5,748.00	5,748.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$676,905.45</b>	<b>\$ 24,713.22</b>	<b>\$701,618.67</b>	<b>\$716,910.59</b>	<b>\$-15,291.92</b>

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the year 1971, the Planning Board sponsored an article to allow soil, sand and gravel removal only within limits of the Town of Brimfield, and a by-law to regulate the use of signs. Both of these articles were defeated at the December Town Meeting.

The Board is also working on articles to somehow change the strip of Business Zone along Route 20 and to perhaps allow multi-family housing in certain areas. Any suggestions along these lines would be appreciated. A revision of the previously proposed sign by-law is also being worked on.

The Board also amended the Subdivision Control Law so that underground Utilities, when feasible, and paved roads are required in all new subdivisions.

The Planning Board cannot emphasize enough the importance of the Town's people to prepare for the future development of Brimfield at this time, as the town appears to be suddenly on the brink of substantial growth.

The Board will meet in the basement of the Town Hall at 8:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. It is at these meetings that all subdivision plans will be acted upon. Please submit them in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald M. Spear, Chairman  
William O. Gindele, Clerk  
Robert Christo  
Louis Flowers  
William Roberts



## REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board held one hearing on an appeal from an unfavorable decision of the zoning enforcement authority (Building Inspector) and two hearings on petitions for special permits. There were no applications for variances.

Unanimous decisions were rendered as follows:

1. On the appeal of Faye E. Hall of Brookfield Road, the Board upheld the decision of the Building Inspector that a beauty parlor is not a permitted use in an Agricultural-Residential district, but directed him to issue a permit for a "customary home occupation, beautician, or cosmetologist, conducted by a resident" which is a permitted use.
2. On the petition of Laurence D. Landry et ux for a permit to remove soil, sand, gravel and earth materials, including rock, from land on the east side of Route 20, the Board denied the special permit because removal of material would be detrimental to the established and future character of the neighborhood and town.
3. On the petition of Walter Kresco for a special permit for a non-profit sportsmen's club on East Hill Road, the permit was granted with safeguards to protect abutters and the town.

Forms for requesting a hearing and written instructions for filling them out are obtainable from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore W. Skowyra,  
Chairman  
Wayne D. Barr  
Lester E. Dutka  
George Gross (Assoc.)  
L. B. Norton (Assoc.)

### DID YOU KNOW

That in 1820 the Brimfield population was 1612, dropping to 778 in 1920. Current population is in excess of 1907.



## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Residents of Brimfield

In July 1968, the people of Brimfield adopted a zoning By-Law to promote the health, safety, convenience, morals and general welfare of its inhabitants to lessen the dangers from fire and congestion. During the last year, I was appointed to enforce these same By-Laws, a job which brings little reward outside of the satisfaction of knowing I am helping to fulfill the purposes they were set up for.

For the most part, people have been cooperative and helpful. I hope that the residents of the town will keep in mind that "no building shall be built or altered and no use of land or a building shall be begun or changed without a permit".

The office of the Building Inspector is open Monday nights from 7:30 - 8:00. Any questions, applications or complaints should be presented at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Wardwell B. Cox  
Building Inspector

### DID YOU KNOW THAT..

The first school in Brimfield was built in 1742, but was not accepted by the Town until 1749, when 80 pounds was voted to pay for the 16x20x7 foot clapboard building, including tables and benches.

Brimfield History

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

During the year 1971, events were patrolled, searches conducted, and special assignments completed.

In addition to the police officer's weekly duties of church services, funerals, fires, town meetings, hearings and dances, special gatherings were as follows:

Memorial Day	May 31, 1971
Holidays	July 4, Sept. 6, Oct. 29-31
Operation Friendship	July 16, 1971
Search for gunman	Sept. 2-6, 1971
Recreation Youth Dances (Barn)	Dec. 3, Dec. 28, 1971

Compensation for some of the above duties were made by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, a Construction Company for the New England Telephone Co., the Massachusetts Turnpike Construction painters, individuals and the Town of Brimfield. A total of 2,137 hours and 7,481 miles covers the activities of the department.

Following is a detailed list of activities for the year:

Citations issued

62 Warnings (Speeding, no registration in possession, no license in possession, failing to keep to the right and defective equipment).

37 Complaints (Speeding, no current and valid inspection sticker, unregistered, uninsured, attaching improper plates, no registration in possession, allowing an improper person to operate motor vehicle, operating without license, no protective headgear, road violation, refusal to show license and registration).

2 Arrests (No current and valid inspection sticker, no registration in possession, operating without a license for motor-cycle, unregistered, uninsured).

15 Defective equipment tags.

## Investigations

1 Vehicle accident  
 28 Vehicle accidents (with State Police)  
 1 Boating accident (with State Police)

## Complaints received

Wind damage	2	Personal Assault	2
Prowlers	3	Abandoned vehicles	1
Operating w/o lic.	1	Suspicious vehicle	7
Stolen bicycle	1	Suspicious persons	7
Speeding	7	Dog Nuisance	15
Lost dogs	3	Dogs, abandoned or	
Nuisance phone calls	2	killed	17
Trespassing	1	Discharge firearms	1
Disturbance	1	Fires-no-permit	1
Stolen articles	2	Littering	5
Malicious damage and		Breaking and Entering	4
miscellaneous	24	Check building	1
Vehicles impeding snow		Disturbing children	2
removal	2		
Recreation vehicles	2		
Drugs	1		
Welfare of livestock	6		

## Other activities

Assists at fires	5	Check unoccupied	
Inquiries about		homes	11
firearms	3	Assist motorists	2
Assist other local			
departments	2		
Articles found	2		
Picking dump	1		

## Messages received

Police	3	Buildings unsecured	1
Individuals or		Character inquiries	7
businesses	17		
Reg. of Motor Veh.	2		
Accident report requests from insurance companies			11
Theft report inquiries from insurance companies			2
Police information from individuals			3
Requests from news media			6

## Assists to or by State Police

Discharging firearms	4	Juvenile Breaking &	
Breaking and entering	8	Entering	4
Unregistered vehicles	6	Drunkenness	1



Vehicles racing	3	Assault and battery	3
Information from		Abandoned vehicles	17
State Police	4	Suspicious persons	11
Relay messages	5	Search for gunman	1
Disturbances	5	Trespassing	1
Search for 6 (holdup men)	two robberies		
Other thefts	5	Character references	12
Missing persons	5	Illegal drugs	7
Stolen vehicles	4	Verified information	3
Persons assumed ill		Bothering juveniles	2
or injured	4	Littering	1
Recreation vehicle	3		
Assist motorist	1		
Malicious damage	2		
Assists to or by other Police Departments			
Missing persons	1	Vehicle accidents	2
Wanted by other P.D.	3	Character references	2
Other services			
Sunday and holiday		Firearm ID's	24
permits issued	12	Cases ref. to Reg.	3
Summons served	12	Req. for reinstate-	
Pistol permits	33	ment	3
Revocation from Reg.	7	#Vehicles involved	55
#Accident reports	33	Military Serv. Rep.	7
#Accidents	29		
Alien firearm ID's issued by Dept. Public Safety			1

First Aid courses were conducted for 9 persons, standard course; 8 persons, advanced course; 9 persons, refresher course. The cooperation was received from the Department of Public Works and the Registry of Motor Vehicles in reducing the speed on Rt. 20, east and west, from Mill Lane to Rt. 19 intersection. After a State Department survey, the speed was also reduced on Rt. 20, east and west from Rt. 19 intersection to east of the Holland Rd. intersection.

It is recommended that operators of recreation vehicles get permission from property owners previous to using said property.

Transfer of registration plates is allowable only under certain conditions. Information of such conditions may be obtained from police departments.



Appreciation is extended to the Massachusetts State Police for their cooperation and willingness to place full facilities at the disposal of the Brimfield residents and Police Department. Gratitude also should be given to the Registry of Motor Vehicles, other Police Departments, other local departments and to the people of the town of Brimfield, to the Brimfield Fire Department. A "Thank you" for your assistance in the search for a missing person.

As always, to my officers: your work has been well accomplished and your cooperation greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Allen  
Chief of Police

#### REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

Board of Selectmen  
Brimfield, Mass.

During the year, I have picked up and confined at my home for the required number of days, 37 dogs and disposed of 44. Seven dogs were hit on the roads.

I have investigated 30 complaints. Nine dogs had bitten children and adults; 16 dogs were barking at nighttime and tipping over rubbish and garbage containers; 1 dog tipped over a rabbit pen, letting the rabbits loose; and 4 dogs had killed chickens, cattle and piglets.

Arthur J. Moreau  
Dog Officer

## REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

Department activities for 1971 were as follows:

Grass Fires	18
Brush and Woodland	14
Truck and Car	6
Dump	15
House	3

By State Law, there is no burning in Massachusetts. This means that you cannot have a permit to burn in a barrel, etc. However, if you have a permit from the fire chief, you can burn if it is for agricultural purposes.

We have installed remote radios on two of the fire phones and hope to acquire two more radios in 1972. These additions to our alerting system will make the response time to fires more efficient. Also, every fireman will be able to go to the fire because no one will have to man the radio at the fire station.

Again, I cannot emphasize enough that Brimfield would not have a Fire Department if it was not for the men who volunteer their time to drill and fight the fires. I want to thank the firemen and their wives for another year of excellent work. Also, we, the firemen, wish to thank the people of Brimfield for the equipment you have enabled us to purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Hanna  
Fire Chief

### DID YOU KNOW

That 60 pounds was appropriated in 1747 to build a school in what is now Wales. That 8 pounds was appropriated in 1760 to build a school in what is now Monson?

Brimfield History

## REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

I hereby submit my report for 1971 as Secretary of the Ambulance Service.

Sixty-eight local calls, including accidents, were serviced as well as thirty-three calls from Holland and Wales, making a total of 101 calls and 2346 miles of travel. This reflects an increase of 10 calls and 586 miles travelled.

The ambulance continues to furnish much needed protection in an emergency, and a definite feeling of security otherwise, in an area far removed from resident doctors and hospitals. Despite this, however, collections have been very slow. Although the Annual Fire Department Supper was held in February, it is becoming increasingly difficult for Fire Department members to earn sufficient funds to defray the cost of operating the ambulance. Therefore, consideration has been given to requesting a guaranteed sum for the service provided to other towns. We sincerely hope that anyone who has received a bill for ambulance service will take care of the matter without delay. Gas, oil, oxygen, bedding and equipment are necessary purchases, difficult to make with unpaid bills.

In order to render the best possible service, the Department is considering the purchase of a collapsible stretcher, and a radio and remote control unit, the care, safety and comfort of the sick and injured being always our prime concern. Courses in External Cardio - Pulmonary Resuscitation and Advance First Aid are completed as available, so that trained volunteers are always ready to man the vehicle.

Thank you for considering the ambulance an emergency vehicle, not to be called when a private passenger car will suffice, thus keeping the ambulance available for emergencies. Your cooperation in giving clear and concise directions, and in guiding the vehicle to residences off the beaten path, is much appreciated. When in need of ambulance service, please call 245-7222.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leo Lavigne, Secretary  
Brimfield Volunteer Fire  
Department Ambulance  
Service



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During 1971 the Visiting Nurse Association was brought forth after many meetings, much planning, and Government assistance. Mrs. Dorothy Chapman of Wales is the Visiting Nurse. Her telephone number is 245-3389. If there is no answer, call 283-6881.

There was an added expense at the dump because of fires being set, despite watchfulness. It would be helpful if this situation could be eliminated.

The Board of Health has investigated all complaints, and all installations of septic systems and wells have been inspected.

Theodore Leth-Steensen  
Chairman  
Alice B. Matheson, R.N.  
Edward Langevin  
By  
Evelyn Koss, Secretary



## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

I was appointed Civil Defense Director for 1971 by the Selectmen in April, following the tragic death of C. Kenneth Silvius. Being new to the job, it was necessary to spend a great deal of time becoming acquainted with Civil Defense procedures, area and state personnel and taking an inventory of all Brimfield Civil Defense equipment.

This year Civil Defense officially began placing a greater emphasis on being prepared for natural disasters as well as enemy attack. This change in emphasis has led to new programs and government assistance plans which could greatly benefit the town, and I have tried to keep up to date on all such programs.

Along with the regular monthly radio checks with Sector 4A headquarters, I have also attended meetings at 4A headquarters in Ludlow and in their new location in Belcher-town. During the year, I attended a seminar on search and removal of explosives and incendiary devices, got the elementary school licensed as a fallout shelter, completed a program paper and got approval to go to the Taunton warehouse to purchase surplus government equipment, had our largest generator moved to a location where it is more easily accessible and portable, and repaired one of the C. D. radios so it can be used more effectively by the Fire Department.

I would like to express my appreciation to those who have been so helpful in assisting me to carry on my Civil Defense responsibilities throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Morris  
Civil Defense Director

## REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Despite threatening weather, we witnessed one of the largest turnouts of veterans, children and families that have attended Memorial Day exercises in several years.

The cooperation extended by Mr. Norton, Mr. Driftmeyer, Mr. Plumb and Mrs. Chase of the Tantasqua Regional High School made it possible for your committee to plan the program and parade which were both effective and impressive. The enthusiastic response from the members of the band and majorettes, who agreed to participate for us on Sunday in addition to their parade in Brookfield on Monday, was greatly appreciated.

We wish to thank the Elementary School, the Mothers' Club, the Boy and Girl Scouts and all the persons who gave of their services to make this day a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Gendreau  
Albert Gendreau  
James Adams  
Margaret Gilman  
Theodore Skowyra

### DID YOU KNOW THAT..

The Society for the Improvement of the Brimfield Common was the first voluntary organization in the State to undertake public landscaping.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John O. Curtis ,Chairman	Term expires 1972
Carl Stearns ,Tantasqua Rep.	Term expires 1973
Mrs. Frances E. Tetreault	Term expires 1974

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Roland W. Wilson, Main St., Sturbridge Tel.#347-9014  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Mary Lou Antonovitch, R.N. Holland, Ma. #245-7737

### NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Information will be broadcast over Station WTAG, WARE, WESO and WTIC between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Transportation of pupils is provided both to the elementary school and the high school by the school committee of each town's elementary school. The decision as to whether it is safe or feasible for buses to run to the high school is made by the Superintendent of Schools.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Last Monday of each month throughout year at 7:30 p.m. at the Elementary School.

### ENTRANCE AGE OF PUPILS TO GRADE 1

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT as of OCTOBER 1, 1971

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	SpEd	Total
Elementary	36	38	47	43	47	49	40	4	304
Grade		7	8	9	10	11	12		
Tantasqua Regional		36	50	34	37	34	14		205
Tantasqua Vocational					7	12	4	5	28
					Total				<u>537</u>



# TANTASQUA and UNION 61 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

## 1972-73 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September				
--	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

February				
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
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26	27	28		

October				
2	3	4	5	6
--	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
--	24	25	26	27
30	31			

March				
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

November				
		1	2	--
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22*	--	--
27	28	29	30	

April				
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
--	--	--	--	--
23	24	25	26	27
30				

December				
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
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May				
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
--	29	30	31	

January				
--	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

June				
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22*

\*1/2 day

September 5	Opening Workshop and Preparation	
September 6	First Full Day for Pupils	
June 1	Last Full Day for Seniors	
June 3	Baccalaureate	
June 10	Graduation	
1st Quarter	September 5 - November 10	46 days
2nd Quarter	November 13 - January 26	47 days
3rd Quarter	January 29 - April 6	45 days
4th Quarter	April 9 - June 22	49 days
		<u>187 days</u>



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committees and Citizens of the Tantasqua and Union 61 Districts, I hereby submit my annual report for this year 1971.

At this writing, we are deeply involved in a building program to provide the necessary buildings to house our ever increasing student enrollment. In Brimfield, a fine new addition to their Elementary School is now complete. In Sturbridge, a new Elementary School for 650 Sturbridge students is rapidly nearing completion. In Brookfield, the Building Committee is, at this moment, ready to receive bids on an addition to its ten-room Elementary School. In Holland, preliminary plans are now being prepared for an addition to the Holland Elementary School. In Wales, we are awaiting approval of Educational Specifications for a three-room addition to the Wales Elementary School.

However, with this building on the elementary level, we have not solved our increasingly critical problem of space at Tantasqua. Tantasqua is now literally bulging. Enrollment for October of 1971 was 1327 students with a projected enrollment of 1450 students in October of 1972. Obviously, we are facing double sessions in September of 1972 or finding some other suitable alternative to provide housing for our students.

Therefore, I have requested that the Tantasqua District School Committee begin double sessions in September of 1972 unless we can find a suitable alternative. All local budgets reflect additional funds to provide transportation for a double session program.

What are the alternatives? First, we can operate a year-round school program similar to the 45-15 Plan, the Atlanta Four Quarter Plan or the Nine Plus Plan. All of these year-round school plans require students to attend classes during the entire year and provide about 25% extra capacity. Significant additional cost is mandatory.

Second, we could run an extended day plan which is an overlapping of the Senior High session with the Junior High session. This plan is merely a modified double session plan with significant inconvenience and additional transportation costs.

Third, double sessions are possible with the Senior High attending classes in the morning and the Junior High attending in the afternoon until five p.m. Additional transportation costs run about \$81,000 per year for this plan.

Fourth, we could request the lease of ten classrooms in the present Burgess School from the Town of Sturbridge on a temporary basis and move the entire seventh grade to this facility.

Obviously all have advantages and disadvantages, but the lease of classrooms from the Town of Sturbridge is the best short-term solution to the problem. Naturally, this lease is possible only if we begin to plan and build a new Junior High facility immediately. Approval from the Town of Sturbridge is essential and could be possible for not more than two years.

The cost of building is high but a new law, Chapter 1010 of the Acts of 1971, recently passed allows 65% of the cost of building for towns in areas of significant unemployment. All of our towns qualify for this 65% aid which now includes principal and interest costs. This is a significant change for in the past most of our towns qualified for only 40% to 50% aid and were not reimbursed for interest. With this very positive financial return, I emphatically suggest that it is the appropriate time to build our desperately needed Junior High facility.

Curriculum: Many areas of curriculum are under study for possible revision and change but I have chosen to highlight our Perceptual Program in my curriculum report for the year 1971. During this past year, the Learning Disability Program has grown and expanded in the Elementary Schools of our district. A new tutor training program was started in December of 1970 and is due to end in January of 1972. The following is a list of Distribution of the Tutor to Children Assignments:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Trained Tutors</u>	<u>Tutor Trainees</u>	<u>Children</u>
Brimfield	2	2	11
Brookfield	2	3	11
Holland	1	1	5
Sturbridge	4	4	22
Wales	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
	10	11	54



During the past year, five children were returned to the regular classroom with forty-nine retained in the program in June of 1971. After very intensive screening, many new children have been selected for the 1971-72 school year. The distribution as of September 1971 is as follows:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Trained Tutors</u>	<u>Tutor Trainees</u>	<u>Children</u>
Brimfield	2.0	2	14
Brookfield	1.0	3	13
Holland	.5	1	7
Sturbridge	4.0	3	27
Wales	<u>.5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
	8.0	10	67

All children in the program must be approved by the Department of Education if 50% reimbursement is to be received by the member towns. State reimbursement includes the cost of the tutor, the coordinator, the supplies and any other expense of teaching perceptual children.

During the past year, approximately fifty children were tested by school personnel. Five children in our program have been diagnosed and tested at outside clinics or medical centers. Tests used by our staff are the following:

1. Weschsler Intelligence
2. Durrell Analysis of Reading Difficulty
3. Wepman Auditory Discrimination Test
4. Frostig Developmental Test of Visual Perception
5. Illinois Test of Psycholinguistic Ability

As this program progresses, we recommend a diagnostic classroom be established, a full-time coordinator be appointed, transitional classes be continued and finally that the learning disability program be extended to include Junior High student level.

In other curriculum areas, we must consider the addition of a full-time reading coordinator for the district to correlate reading programs either K-6 or K-12. Together with this reading coordinator, we should consider adding a Director of Pupil Personnel Services K-12 to coordinate our guidance programs, Special Education Programs and other related services.

Our district is growing and the coordination of curriculum represents a major problem with five schools and five communities represented. As we look to the future, we must be aware that growth is inevitable. Each town of our district will grow, and we must meet the educational needs of the additional student population. To meet this need, we must acquire sufficient school sites in areas of predicted growth. Sturbridge, for example, should move immediately to secure at least two more sites for an elementary school building as recommended by the Sturbridge Master Plan. Suitable sites in Sturbridge may not be available when additional buildings are needed. Brimfield has wisely acquired additional land to meet future building needs but does not have acreage sufficient to house possible student population growth. The time for planning is now.

In conclusion, we have made significant progress in our building program outlined in 1965 but we must move quickly to provide a major facility at Tantasqua to prevent loss of accreditation and inadequate education for our students.

May I take this opportunity to thank the citizens of this district for their support of our schools, the School Committee for their dedication and persistence, and the administration and faculty and staff for their effort and loyalty.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland W. Wilson  
Superintendent of Schools



## Report of the Principal

School opened on September 2nd with an enrollment of 264. With the addition of Kindergarten in October, the enrollment increased to 300.

Kindergarten **	36	June Poluzzi *
Grade 1	38	Frances Souliere Carole Valerio
Grade 2	47	Sharon Edwards * Florence Gendreau
Grade 3	43	Harriet Lipschutz * Barbara Seretta *
Grade 4	47	Anne Carter Gail Isherwood
Grade 5	49	Anne Ahern Sandra Spencer
Grade 6	40	Charles Miles * Chris Schell

In addition, there are a number of special teachers:

Art	Mary Goodrich
Guidance Counselor **	Sheila Blair *
Instrumental Band	Vincent Mischitelli *
Learning Disability	Dorothy Brandt
	Mary Griffin
	Nancy Prescott *
	Carol Van Brocklyn *
Music	Victoria Baltensperger
Physical Education **	Carol Graves *
Remedial Reading	Marion Maloney
Resource Center - Library	Bronwyn Robertson *
Coordinator **	
Adjustment Counselor	Ernestine McEachern
Speech Therapist	Barbara Bronson *
Teacher Aides	Elke Kretschmar
	Jean Skowyra
Volunteer Aide	Nancy Haley *
Title I Reading	Laurie Farland
	Alleen Kettles

\*\* New Positions this year

\* New Teachers this year

The Learning Disability Program continues to provide an alternative learning approach for children who have average or above average ability, but who are not achieving their potential due to perceptual difficulties. This program has been expanded to include 4 specially trained tutors, so that 16 children are being helped individually for one hour each day.

The Remedial Reading program involves individual help for children in Grades 1 - 3 who have reading problems. Currently, 29 children are receiving 1/2 hours of individual help each day. The Title I Reading Program also involves individual reading help for children in Grades 4 - 6. Ten children are receiving 30 - 45 minutes of private tutoring each day. Including the first and second grade youngsters who receive help from the Teacher Aides, more than 60 children (23% of our total Grade 1 - 6 enrollment) are receiving some kind of individual help.

The counseling process is a new service provided for the students of Brimfield Elementary School. Since a child with an adjustment problem cannot learn effectively, a school counselor is an important facet of a well-rounded educational program. Teachers, parents and other staff members may refer a student to the counselor for individual interviews and/or testing. The counselor consults with other staff members who deal with the child and parents in an effort to evaluate the problem. A specific program to meet the special needs of the individual child can then be developed. In this way a problem properly diagnosed and treated on the elementary level can prevent further adjustment problems during adulthood.

The Art program recognizes the importance of art education to the youth of today. Thru Art the pupil can give his or her true individual feelings. Each child is scheduled for one class a week in Art.

A broad group of media has been used and often the projects done in classes are in conjunction with other class subjects such as social studies. It is greatly appreciated when the pupils bring in additional materials. These help in making shapes, textures, space depth, colors and many shades of paints and papers more meaningful.

The main objective of this year's music program is involvement. The students are being exposed to experiences that will aid them in becoming music listeners, in partic-



icipating in singing, and in moving to music. The students are directed to play simple instruments and create rhythms. It is very important for the students to discover all aspects of music. Each year, the students perform in a Christmas and Spring Concert. This year the students are attending a Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert in Springfield.

The purpose of the Speech Therapy program is to help children with such speech problems as articulation, delayed speech, cleft palate, voice and fluency. Children are placed in the program through screening conducted by means of referrals from teachers, administrators, school nurses and doctors. Therapy is conducted either individually or in small groups. There are 11 children currently receiving this special help. Formal and informal conferences are held with other school personnel concerned with the child. Parent conferences are held at the request of parents or are initiated by the Speech Therapist when there is a need.

The Physical Education program is geared to develop the whole child with an awareness of individual differences. In the lower elementary grades the objective is the development of the organic growth, gross motor skills, knowledge and understanding of activities, social awareness of self, leadership, and adjustment. These objectives will be obtained through games, relays, stunts, mat work, rhythms, and motor development activities. In the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, the objectives remain the same but in a more complex situation using a combination of skills. These objectives are to be obtained through team and individual sports, stunts, and gymnastics and rhythmic activities. In both elementary levels, we feel it is important to maintain an atmosphere of enjoyment and fun.

The new addition is an outstanding facility which helps make it possible for us to expand our program and provide the type of education the children deserve. Our Curriculum is being evaluated and improved continuously. A good school keeps adapting and changing where necessary. We recognize that children learn in different ways, at different rates, and with different degrees of interest. We are therefore, utilizing a number of alternative approaches to teaching and learning. Team teaching, departmentalized instruction, informal instruction, tradi-

tional instruction and combinations of these approaches enable us to meet all children's needs by utilizing the best that each teacher has to offer.

The new, fully equipped resource center is a busy and exciting place that is continuously buzzing with varied kinds of activity and learning. It provides the materials and climate that encourages children to take more responsibility of their own learning and it makes it possible for them to think, reason and act more independently.

We are fortunate to have a warm and dedicated staff, a flexible and challenging curriculum, and increasing interest and involvement on the part of the Brimfield community. Our ultimate goal is to provide an exciting and supportive school atmosphere where children can succeed, feel good about themselves, learn to get along with others, acquire basic academic skills and develop to their full potential.

Paul Krouner,  
Principal



## REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vitality, enthusiasm and a genuine sense of purpose are adjectives which can best describe the learning environment so readily apparent at our newly enlarged Elementary School. While the eight gleaming new classrooms, the versatile all-purpose room, the inviting new library and our spotless new kitchen are unquestionably important and vital contributory factors to an improved educational experience for our children, it is to our Principal, Dr. Paul Krouner, and his innovative and dedicated teaching staff that we, and our children, owe our greatest appreciation.

Early fall was a difficult time for us all. Due to labor problems during the summer, the new addition was not ready for occupancy until October and the student body remained divided for the several beginning weeks of the school year. Once again, and for the final time, we extend our thanks to the Parish Council of St. Christopher's Church, the Trustees of the Hitchcock Academy, and the Trustees of the Congregational Church for their generosity in allowing continued occupancy of four classrooms.

The excitement of new facilities generated enthusiasm and much favorable comment at the school Open House held jointly by the School Committee and the School Building Committee in the fall. There has been no letdown. New programs, developing curricula, and additional teaching staff have sustained and amplified the initial high morale. Kindergarten is being provided for the first time in Brimfield and Miss June Poluzzi, our new kindergarten teacher, is to be commended for the imagination and skill she has displayed in introducing our youngest students to the enjoyment of learning. Faculty changes this year include Miss Sharon Edwards, in the second grade, replacing Mary Moore, whose death subsequent to retirement saddened all who had known her; Mrs. Harriet Lipschutz and Mrs. Barbara Seretta in the third grade; and Mr. Charles Miles in grade six. Other new faculty members include Mr. Vincent Mischitelli as instrumental music instructor; Mrs. Barbara Bronson as speech therapist; Mrs. Sheila Blair as school counselor and as a special reading teacher under the Title I Program, Mrs. Alleen Kettles.

Another first for Brimfield Elementary School this year is a physical education program under the direction of Mrs.

Carol P. Graves. Each class meets with her for one-half hour, two times a week, in our new gymnasium and regular classroom teachers augment the program with their individual classes once or twice weekly. A special "motor skills workshop" is conducted twice a week for selected students in grades one through three. The gym is utilized even after school hours on Thursdays and Fridays for supervised play. The popularity of this extra curricular activity suggests that it may be expanded in the future. All classes meet with the visiting Art and Music supervisors twice weekly; with Speech and Instrumental Instructors once a week.

Noteworthy among curriculum advances is the approach to development of reading skills. A variety of means are used in the primary grades; both the Sullivan system and the familiar phonics system are used in grade one. In the second grade, the techniques used are flexible and designed to meet the individual pupils' needs and abilities. Dr. Krouner has observed that the children are reading two to three times more this year than last year and that happy statistic can, in all probability, be attributed to the popularity of our new resource center. Created from what was formerly the old cafeteria, the resource center is a library in the broadest sense of the word. Equipped with reference, text and storybooks, current magazines in a great variety of fields, film strips and tape loops to increase social studies, science and reading skills, the resource center is ably and sympathetically administered by Mrs. Bunny Robertson.

A variety of classroom experiences have been designed to stimulate, cultivate, challenge and enrich the student during the seven years of his elementary education. These experiences are neither rigid nor stultifying, but are planned to be fluid and flexible... again intended to answer the needs of the pupils to the greatest degree possible. From a structured classroom environment to team teaching to a fully open classroom, the emphasis is upon mobility and a healthy interchange and interplay between various grade levels. Dr. Krouner notes that: "Children are beginning to view the school as a more exciting, stimulating place to be and they are developing new interests and skills." Partially responsible for this transformation is another Brimfield innovation: "Experimerio", a Friday afternoon program which draws upon the creative abilities of the teaching staff, Tantasqua High School students, and in-



terested parents who act as leaders and instructors for a marvelous variety of study, hobby, craft and learning activities. Again, the underlying emphasis is upon learning, sharing and personal communication in an atmosphere which is both stimulating and informal. Perhaps the success of this and other programs can best be explained by this insight into Dr. Krouner's educational philosophy: "Children learn best in a climate where they feel comfortable, are treated fairly, are listened to, are respected and understood, and where they feel they can succeed." Respect, understanding, and patience are keystones of the successful elementary educational experience and we are fortunate, indeed, to have our staff augmented by several women who believe in those principles: our teachers'aides Mrs. Jean Skowyra and Mrs. Elke Kretschmar, our learning disability tutors, Mrs. Nancy Prescott and Mrs. Carol Van Brocklyn, and the mothers who serve as volunteer tutors for the kindergarten and first grades.

No report of the School Committee would be complete without an expression of our appreciation to those staff members who keep the building and all its many services functioning smoothly and with faithful regularity. Mrs. Alma Howlett and her staff, Linda Gelineau and Sheila Weston, for their admirable school lunch program which has received commendation at the State level, and Custodian Ed Killian, his son David, and his assistant, Mrs. Madeline Boardman, for their capable and competent maintenance of a vastly enlarged physical plant.

Thanks are once again due to the members of the School Building Committee for the many, many evenings of planning and decision making they have voluntarily given to making our new school addition the vital reality it is and to the Mothers Club for their continuing financial and moral support of our school programs.

Respectfully submitted,

BRIMFIELD ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John O. Curtis, Chairman  
Francis Tetreault, Secretary  
Carl J. Stearns, Tantasqua  
Representative

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Parents have the prime responsibility for health of their children. Good grooming and health habits must be taught at home. Personal cleanliness, out of self - respect and consideration for others, is one of the most important lessons children should learn.

The vision and hearing testing done at school is only a screening and parents should be alert to other symptoms such as frequent headaches or burning eyes that would indicate a need for a more thorough exam by a competent doctor.

Parents are asked to keep in mind that immunizations are now required by State Law against Smallpox, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Polio and Measles, and strongly recommended against Mumps and German Measles (Rubella).

Mrs. Mary Lou Antonovitch, R.N.



# FINANCIAL SHEET FOR 1971

Appropriations	\$257,167.83
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Expenditures:

School Committee	471.06
Superintendent's Office	7,528.00

Instruction:

Principal's Salary	14,499.38
Clerical Salary	2,232.52
Principal's Office - Other Expense	444.54
Teacher's Salaries	110,680.38
Substitute Teacher's Salaries	2,682.00
Teacher Aides Salaries	3,272.23
Penmanship Services	550.00
Supplies and Materials	4,258.38
Personnel Training and Travel	335.59
Other Expenses - Travel - Art, etc.	150.00
Special Education Salaries (Perceptually Handicapped & Speech)	7,420.80
Textbooks	2,587.07
Library Services	415.09
Audio-Visual	1,119.30
Guidance Services - Salaries	1,555.60
Supplies and Materials	550.91
Psychological Services	686.00

Other School Services:

Adjustment Counsellor - Salaries	2,171.00
Other Expenses	78.82
Health Services	3,105.69
Pupil Transportation	36,589.00
Late Bus Transportation	3,488.20
Lunch Transportation	665.00
Special Education Transportation	4,424.52
Field Trips	491.00

Operation & Maintenance of Plant:

Custodial Services - Adm. Off.	59.16
Custodial Salaries - School	9,789.50
Supplies and Materials	1,869.06
Fuel	4,105.38
Utilities - Adm. Off.	133.39
Utilities - School	4,174.90
Maintenance of Grounds	64.25

Maintenance of Building	3,125.28
Maintenance of Equipment - Adm. Off.	45.65
Maintenance of Equipment - School	841.76
Fixed Charges:	
Insurance - Adm. Off.	18.28
Rent - Adm. Off.	237.35
Rent - St. Christopher's	3,696.00
Rent - Hitchcock Academy	986.45
Rent - Congregational Church	1,050.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets:	
Equipment - Adm. Off.	28.24
NDEA	526.45
Equipment - Library	771.56
Replacement of Equipment - School	935.11
Programs with Other Districts & Private Schools:	
Special Education Tuition	2,152.72
Vocational	<u>1,882.26</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$248,944.83</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ 8,223.00
Estimated Reimbursements:	
General School Fund	\$109,000.00
Transportation	30,000.00
State Wards	6,400.00
Vocational Education	1,200.00
Special Education	6,700.00
	<u></u>
Total Reimbursements	\$153,300.00
Total Expenditures	\$248,944.83
Less Total Reimbursements	<u>153,300.00</u>
Cost to Taxpayer	\$ 95,644.83

## SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1972

Administration	\$ 9,448.28
Instruction	179,091.00
Other School Services	65,644.00
Operating and Maintenance of Plant	36,655.78
Fixed Charges	283.91
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	1,639.55
Programs with Other Districts, Regional, and Private Schools	<u>8,650.00</u>
Total School Budget for 1972	\$301,412.52

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Position	Name	Degree	Yrs Serv Brimfield	Total Yrs Service
Superintendent	Roland W. Wilson	B. S&M. Ed., Worc. St. Doct. Study, U. Conn.	4	18
Ass't Superintendent	Lester R. Aldrich	BSE, M.E., CAGS, U. Mass	2	29
Business Manager	William J. Utess	B.S., M.B.A.; Am. Int. Col.	4	4
Principal	Paul Krouner	BA., MS. Ed.D.; John Hopkins U. Russell Sage Coll, Syracuse U.	1	6
Kindergarten	Joan Poluzzi	Long Island University	0	0
Grade 1	Carol Valerio	BA, U. Mass.	1	1
Grade 1	Frances Souliere	BA., M.Ed, Coll of Our Lady of the Elms	12	17
Grade 2	Sharon A. Edwards	BA., U. Mass.	0	0
Grade 2	Florence Gendreau	Gorham State Teachers	17	21
Grade 3	Barbara Seretta	BS, Iowa State	0	3
Grade 3	Harriet Lipschutz	BA., Leslie Coll & BU.	0	0
Grade 4	Gail Isherwood	B.S., Worcester State	1	2
Grade 4	Anne Carter	BA., Northwestern U.	2	2



Position	Name	Degree	Yrs Serv Brimfield	Total Yrs Service
Grade 5	Sandra Spencer	B.S., Bridgewater State	2	2
Grade 5	Elizabeth Ahern	B.S. Westfield State	6	6
Grade 6	Charles S. Miles	B.A., U. Mass.	0	0
Grade 6	Chris B. Schell	B.B.A., U. Mass.	1	2
Music	Victoria Baltensperger	B.M.E., U. Nebraska	1	1
Remedial Reading	Marion Maloney	B.S., Westfield State	14	23
Art	Mary Goodrich	B.S., U. New Hampshire	2	6
Guidance Counselor	Sheila Blair	B.S., M.Ed., U. Mass.	0	0
Physical Education	Carol Graves	B.S., U. Mass.	0	6
Speech Therapist	Barbara Bronson	B.A., M.S., U. Conn & S. Conn. State	0	10
Instrumental Teacher	Vincent Mischitelli	B.A., B.M., Assumption & Berkee School/Music	0	7

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Since our last report to the town a year ago, a great deal of progress has been made in completing the construction of the eight-room addition to the Elementary School. At that time, we projected a completion date in time for school opening day in September. However, it was a summer of labor disputes and strikes which delayed occupation by a month. After the Committee was satisfied with the completeness of the new structure, we began to occupy the addition in October. Open house, which many of you attended, was a great success.

At this time, the Committee is still quite active, tying up a number of loose ends. The checklist is not quite complete. Some additional work has to be done on the intercom system. We are in the process of trying to get approval for a chlorinating system for the water supply. We have been able to stay within our \$749,013.00 budget and have approximately \$4,000 left in our contingency fund. Part of this money will be used for absolute necessities concerned with the structure. The rest will be returned to the Town. It still will be necessary for the Committee to go to Boston to obtain final approval. We plan to do this sometime this spring. After this, our job will have been completed.

We would like to thank the voters, town officials and school administration for the confidence they have shown in us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Hall, Chairman  
John O. Curtis  
Frederick T. Prentiss  
Robert Van Brocklyn  
William F. Whitten

## REPORT OF THE BRIMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Board of Selectmen  
Brimfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my fourth annual report as Librarian of the  
Brimfield Public Library.

The library has had a busy and satisfying year. During 1971, 4,094 people came to the library and the total circulation of books, magazines and records was 10,074. A large number of new borrowers registered for library cards and we are pleased that people recently moved to Brimfield are finding satisfactory reading at the public library.

A major renovation at the Brimfield Public Library this past year was the installation of combination aluminum storm windows on all of the windows in the older part of the building. This was a much needed addition, for none of the windows were equipped with storm windows and a great deal of heat was lost. I already have felt the difference in the warmth of the library and we hope and believe a difference will show in the consumption of oil.

The Elementary School children continue to come to the library quite frequently. Many of the older grades come in groups with their teacher to get special books for projects and books for pleasure reading. In the spring, 152 children came at various times for story hours and a chance to borrow books from the public library. Your Librarian always welcomes any and all of these children and is most pleased to be able to help in supplementing information needed for school work.

In addition to some memorial books, the library has received three fine gifts during 1971. The Garden Club once again made and hung a beautiful wreath on the front door at Christmas time. They have done this for many years and we always appreciate their generosity. To celebrate Arbor Day, the local Brownie Troop donated and planted a flowering crab tree on the library lawn. The little girls and their leader, Mrs. John Wood, held a brief ceremony which was attended by members of the Board of Trustees.



The third gift is a handsome record browser unit for displaying our record collection, a greatly needed piece of library equipment. This was donated by Mrs. Homer L. Parker in memory of her husband. To all these very kind people we say a heartfelt "thank you".

Our record collection continues to be a popular item, particularly the children's records. Since almost all of the records were gifts, we are indeed fortunate to have them. I now am able also to take records from the Bookmobile and add them, for an indefinite time, to our own collection.

The Bookmobile, which comes from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library, also offers books of all kinds which I may borrow, again for an indefinite time, and place on our shelves. This service gives me the opportunity to add greatly to our collections without any expense to the Town. I also can borrow specific titles, for a limited time, from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library to fulfill specific request by borrowers for books which our library does not have.

The Sherman Memorial Room is used a great deal by people who are seeking information on family history or Brimfield and surrounding towns history. Many people go in just to browse and look at the many interesting pictures and articles on exhibit there. Your Librarian and Mr. Lester Parker, President of the Brimfield Historical Society, have, as in the past, spent some hours cataloging and sorting over the material in this room in order to make it more easily available to anyone interested. In December the Brimfield Historical Society held a second most successful meeting in the Sherman Room, with refreshments served in the reading room by the huge fireplace. At this meeting, Mr. Parker spoke on "All the Brimfields". Besides Brimfield, Massachusetts, there is one in England, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. Mrs. Julianne Spooner, Town Clerk, brought to show and talk about the original proprietor's book and earliest records of the Town of Brimfield. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by about sixty people.

The Brimfield Public Library is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:30 - 5:30 and 7:30 - 9:00, and on Thursdays from 1:30 - 5:30. There is a telephone so you may call to renew books or ask for information. Please remember also, there is a book slot in the front door through



which you may return books if it is inconvenient to come to the library while it is open.

We were very sorry to have to accept the resignation of Mrs. Margery Williams as a library assistant. She has been of great help to your Librarian for the past several years. Two more ladies have been trained in library procedure so as to be able to take my place in case of illness or vacation. They are Miss Ellen Jane Perrow and Mrs. Charlotte D. Hudson. Miss Janet Robertson is continuing to help each week in shelving books and processing new books.

My thanks go to all my helpers and especially to the Board of Library Trustees who give me guidance, suggestions and fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Richard Brown  
Librarian

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Brimfield Board of Selectmen

Dear Sirs:

The following is a report of the Recreational Committee for the year '71. Last Spring more of our youth played baseball than in previous years. We sponsored two pee wee teams 8-10 years; two little league teams 10-12 years of age and two Intermediate teams 13-15. We also offered softball to girls ages 10-16. We would like to thank our softball coaches Suzanne Boudriault and Rosemary Cadieux; boys baseball coaches Will Stearns, Tom Tanacea, Bob Van Brocklyn, Len Muska and Ken Alberts. Our thanks is also extended to Carl Stearns, School Committee Member, for his efforts in obtaining a large baseball diamond at the Elementary School.

Our Swimming Program was held at Dean Pond, Brimfield State Forest, a more central location. Mrs. Barbara Kelly of Monson instructed 45 children and 21 received a higher classification. Jeffery Brigham and Clark Hayward received their Senior Life Saving Certificates and three boys received their Junior Life Saving Badges. We would like to thank Mrs. Pricilla Mitchell and all the beach mothers for their cooperation. Our thanks is also extended to our selectmen and Real Poirier for grading and improving the Brimfield entrance to the State Forest.

Any college student or adult interested in coaching, supervising or in offering referee services may notify our committee. We look forward to another successful year with our recreational programs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Ahern

## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In its second year of operation, your Conservation Commission served with members Maurice St. Clair, Nancy and William Cox, Chairman Glenn McIntyre, and Clerk David Williams. In addition to regular meetings of the commission, several field investigations were made, one hearing sponsored by the Division of Fisheries and Game attended, and several conferences held with other town agencies.

Our primary concern this year has been the development of procedures for land acquisition for conservation purposes under provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Our hope and intention is to develop a systematic plan for receiving and purchasing strategic parcels of land for conservation use. The retention of "green belts" throughout the community seems crucial; and the development of "multiple-use" of woodlands, wetlands, and watersheds necessary.

In this regard, we will be making recommendations on articles in the Annual Meeting regarding retention of lands offered to the town. We will also be conferring with developers of residential areas regarding the setting aside of "green belts" and multi-use parcels of land within their developments.

We are also in the process of developing plans to cooperate with State and Federal agencies, and the Ford Foundation, in further land acquisition and conservation development.

We are also developing plans for the establishment of "wetlands" in the community, in cooperation with land owners who wish to see marshy areas retained in their natural state.

In every area of our work, we have received the full cooperation of residents, town officials, and State agencies. We have appreciated this cooperation, and trust that as we move toward the development of better use of our natural resources, this will continue. We continue to hear about the desirability of living in Brimfield because we do have a concern for our resources, our fields and forests, our wildlife and healthy environmental control. We just hope that what we have can be retained and improved for the coming generations of Brimfield residents.



Again this year we have made a small budget request to cover the cost of commission expenses and materials, and again we wish to express our thanks to the Selectmen and citizens of Brimfield for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Williams  
Clerk

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Fall inspection and creosoting of Gypsy Moth clusters has been completed. The number found was slightly less than last year and indicates this pest is well under control at this time.

The requests for removal of diseased elm trees still exceeds the budget for this purpose. The Commissioner of Natural Resources has been notified that the Town has expended slightly more for this purpose than is required by law, and I have requested State Assistance in the form of a tree removal crew, but as of now, I have received no reply.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward J. Killian  
Superintendent of Insect  
Pest Control



## REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth -Chapter 128- The Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture are empowered to receive, on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward helping to solve management problems, better living and better community service and have been ably assisted by hundreds of local volunteer leaders to this end.

A total expense of none was incurred during the year for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects by the local leaders. The appropriation made by your town was used for only residents of the town.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1971 Appropriation	<u>none</u>
Total Expenditures in 1971	<u>none</u>
Recommended Appropriation for 1972	<u>none</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees For County  
Aid To Agriculture

Albert H. Fuller, Clerk

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

From a strictly operational standpoint, the past year was very normal. The usual maintenance work was carried on and when related to rainfall, the appearance of the Cemetery was most satisfactory.

The burial records were brought up to date and all known information is now cataloged so that it is readily available by cross reference. For this, we are indebted to Mr. James A. Adams Jr.

However sad, a record must be made of the death on May 15 1971 of Board Chairman Cheney F. Newton. During his life, Mr. Newton was extremely interested in the welfare of the Town and held many different Town offices. At the time of his death, he was serving his 31st year as a Cemetery Commissioner. His valuable knowledge, unbounded energy and relaxing humor will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Our requested budget anticipates a normal year. Unusual items include the purchase of a necessary rotary mower and an item of \$200.00 for a contingency fund. The budget is as follows:

Spring clean-up	\$ 200.00
Purchase new mower	1100.00
Salaries	300.00
Grave openings and foundations	900.00**
Contingency	<u>200.00</u>
	\$2700.00

\*\*Reimbursements by law go directly to general fund and are not available to Commissioners for Expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners

James A. Adams,  
Everett D. Landen

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met soon after the Annual Town Meeting and organized with

DAVID CHENEY, Chairman

ROBERT ROY, Vice-Chairman

WILLIAM D. SPOONER, Secretary

During the year the following amounts were transferred from the Reserve Fund to the various accounts:

Property Insurance	\$ 1,184.55
Zoning Board of Appeals	400.00
Tax Collector	4.90
Legal Fees	73.65
Dog Warden	228.00
Health Department	2,376.93
General Highways	2,115.18
Veterans' Benefits	470.00
School Lunch	541.64
Memorial Day	81.59
Property Insurance	194.00
	<hr/> 7,670.44

Leaving a balance in the account	<hr/> 2,329.56
	10,000.00

Whereas the small safety margin is slightly larger than last year, each officer or committeeman should bear in mind that the Reserve Fund is only a safeguard item and only to be used in cases of real necessity, and that the Town passed on the individual department requests at the Annual Town Meeting.

Your Committee feels that the various departments have again tried hard to stay within their voted budgets, the largest requests for assistance coming from the General Highway and the Health Departments, both of which had unforeseen expenses.

We wish to thank the several departments for itemizing their expected expenses, so that we could, more intelligently, make our recommendations.

The recommendations for the budget items will be found elsewhere in this report. Although no amount has been



listed for the General Highway, this figure will be considered by your Committee just prior to the Annual Town Meeting, when the amount expended to that date for snow removal, will be known. Presumably we will also have the correct bill for the Town Reports.

As is usually the case, most of the articles in the Warrant are routine, but we would call attention to Article #26, dealing with the addition of a stall to the fire station for the purpose of storing the ambulance. We are much in favor of this item, since, as we understand the situation, the Federal Government will go along to quite an extent in sharing the expense, if it is so constructed that it may double as a survival shelter.

The Committee feels, as previously, that there are presently enough available teachers so that very careful consideration should be given before granting any further substantial salary increases.

As previously, we would express our thanks to the several departments in making honest efforts to hold their budgets to a minimum and to remind them again that any further increases will be felt on the tax bills.

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Brimfield  
Finance Committee

David Cheney, Chairman  
Robert Roy, Vice Chairman  
William Spooner, Secretary  
Theodore Closson

Gerald Guild  
Harold Hitchcock  
Leo Lavigne  
Jean McGann

Eugene Roberts

## **DID YOU KNOW THAT..**

Most of the trees on the Common were planted in 1853 by the Society for the Improvement of the Brimfield Common.

Landscaping of the Brimfield Common was designed and planned by the noted American Geologist, John W. Foster, who was also an engineer.



BUDGET FOR 1972

	<u>Appro. 1971</u>	<u>Expended 1971</u>	<u>Req. for 1971</u>	<u>Fin. Com. Rec. 1972</u>
Moderator -----	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Selectmen -----	3,000.00	2,680.09	3,000.00	3,000.00
Dog Warden -----	600.00)			
F.C.	228.00	828.00	900.00	600.00
Town Accountant -----	1,400.00	1,241.80	1,400.00	1,400.00
Treasurer -----	1,400.00	1,393.01	1,430.00	1,430.00
Tax Collector -----	1,820.00)			
F.C.	4.90	1,824.90	1,900.00	1,900.00
Assessors -----	3,215.00	3,150.03	2,415.00	2,415.00
Town Clerk -----	1,275.00	1,249.42	1,300.00	1,300.00
Finance Committee -----	125.00	75.00	150.00	150.00
Town Counsel & Legal Fees ---Sal.	400.00)			
Exp.	100.00)			
F.C.	73.65	573.65	500.00	500.00
Planning Board -----	50.00	49.63	475.00	325.00
Election & Registration -----	900.00	756.13	1,815.00	1,815.00
Town Hall -----	2,700.00	2,449.72	3,400.00	3,400.00
Town Reports -----	1,009.50	1,009.50	Town Meeting Action	
Police -----	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fire Department -----	6,000.00	5,666.34	6,495.00	6,495.00
Tree Warden -----	500.00	499.95	500.00	500.00
Insect Pest Control -----	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
Civil Defense -----	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

General Health & Care of Dump -	4,225.00)			
F.C.	2,376.93)			
General Highways -----	21,000.00)	6,601.93	5,675.00	5,675.00
F.C.	2,115.18)			
Chapter 81 -----	2,560.00	23,115.18	21,000.00	Town Meeting Action
Chapter 90 Maintenance -----	5,750.00	2,560.00	2,560.00	2,560.00
Chapter 90 Construction -----	5,500.00	5,750.00	5,750.00	5,750.00
Street Lighting -----	2,767.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Veteran's Benefits -----	5,500.00)	2,750.22	2,767.00	2,767.00
F.C.	470.00)			
Ref.	466.00)			
School, Elementary -----	257,167.83	6,436.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Tantasqua R.H.S. -----	266,361.12	249,242.24	301,412.52	301,412.52
Library -----	4,660.00)	266,361.12	270,228.05	270,228.05
Dog Fund	386.65)			
S.A.	500.00)			
Common -----	500.00	5,912.43	4,625.00	4,625.00
Property Insurance -----	4,200.00)	500.00	900.00	900.00
F.C.	1,378.55)			
Workmen's Comp. Ins. -----	1,675.30)	5,578.55	6,000.00	6,000.00
Ref.	353.35)	--	--	--
Group Insurance -----	2,500.00	1,929.00		Town Meeting Action
Memorial Day -----	400.00)	2,417.17	3,000.00	3,000.00
F.C.	81.59)			
Aid to Agriculture	none	481.59	500.00	500.00
County Retirement -----	2,482.00	none	none	none
Cemeteries -----	1,600.00	2,482.00	2,860.62	2,860.62
Town Barn and Fire Station -----	1,700.00	1,404.41	2,500.00	2,500.00
		1,634.41	2,000.00	2,000.00





TOWN WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss

TO THE TOWN CLERK OF BRIMFIELD, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on MONDAY, the THIRTEENTH day of March 1972, at twelve (12) o'clock noon, to act on the following:

To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: A Moderator for one year; a Town Treasurer for one year; three Selectmen for one year each; one Assessor for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the School Committee for two years; two members of the Tantasqua Regional District School Committee for three years each; one member of the Board of Public Health for three years; one member of the Cemetery Commission for three years; one member of the Cemetery Commission for one year; two Library Trustees for three each; one Tree Warden for one year; one Harriet Harding Fund Trustee for three years; one member of the Planning Board for five years; one Lincoln Library Fund Trustee for three years; and to vote on any question which may appear on said ballot by "yes" or "no".

The polls will open at twelve (12) o'clock noon and will close at eight (8) o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered after 7:00 P.M. on MONDAY, the SIXTH day of MARCH, 1972.

AND, you are hereby further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on MONDAY the SIXTH day of March, 1972 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following:

Article 1. To hear reports of the officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town and act thereon.



Article 2. To see what salaries the Town will allow its officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund together with a sum of money to be raised by taxation to purchase compensation insurance for town employees.

Article 4. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1972 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 17, of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursements of allotments made by the State and County for highways including bridges.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale, by posting such notice in some convenient public place of the Town, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town upon Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Selectmen, or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for Civil Defense, to be administered by the Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$5750.00) for maintenance under Chapter 90, to be used with the sums allotted by the State and County for the purpose.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and ap-

appropriate a sum of money (\$5500.00) for Chapter 90 Construction to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for the purpose.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 to be administered by the Selectmen, to prepare and oil a section of unpaved public way, or take any other action thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,662.12 of funds available to the Town under the provisions of Chapter 768, Sect. 5 of the Acts of 1969 for reconstruction of the Dunhamtown-Brimfield Road, upon receipt of State approval.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account for the maintenance and care of Town Machinery for the coming year.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new truck (cab and chassis) for the use of the Highway Department, and determine whether the purchase price shall be raised by taxation or appropriated from available funds, or a combination of both, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, upon sealed bid, or to trade in, the 1967 Chevrolet truck, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new sander motor for the use of the Highway Department, and determine whether the purchase price shall be raised by taxation or appropriated from available funds, or a combination of both, or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a compressor for the use of the Highway Department, and determine whether the purchase price shall be raised by taxation or appropriated from available funds, or a combination of both, or take any other action thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a plow and pump for the use of the



Highway Department, and determine whether the purchase price shall be raised by taxation or appropriated from available funds, or a combination of both, or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase radios for Town Highway equipment, or take any other action thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for repairs to Town sidewalks, or take any action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will appropriate, for the use of the Library, the \$1000.00 State Aid for the year 1972, to be paid to the Town by the State for the purpose.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to George Krohne, a butter to the Town Hall property, a certain strip of land at the rear of the former Lydia Hitchcock property, so-called, in return for a strip of land to the west of the Town Hall for a driveway, or take any other action thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of creating a parking lot to the rear of the Town Hall to provide off-street parking at Town Hall functions and at other times at discretion of Selectmen and/or Police Department, or take any other action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will accept as a gift, a parcel of land offered by Mr. G. Winthrop Wilson of Granby, Conn., described as approximately 35 acres in West Brimfield, including the former brickyard, for conservation purposes as set forth under G. L. Chap. 40, Sec. 8C, use of said land to be under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. or take any other action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will accept as a gift, a parcel of land offered by Mr. Arthur B. Brown of Ware, Mass., described as approximately 28 acres, part of the former Clarence B. Brown property, access from the Warren Road, for conservation purposes as set forth under G. L. Chap. 40, Sec. 8C, use of said land to be under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission,

or take any other action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a one-stall addition to the fire station, or take any other action thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for snow removal at Sherman Lake, a private way open to the general public, or take any other action thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of five to study the feasibility of a new central water supply, and to recommend location of such supply and public buildings to be serviced; the action taken to include the manner of appointment, or take any other action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to create a new water supply for the school, or take any other action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will establish, under the Provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8d, an Historical Commission of the Town of Brimfield for the purpose and with the rights and duties provided by law, to be composed of three members, resident of Brimfield, appointed by the Selectmen for terms of three years except that initial appointment shall be one member for one year, one member for two years, and one member for three years.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Law, to be known as Article XII of the General By-Laws:

#### A By-Law to Regulate Signs

1-DEFINITIONS - For the purposes of this By-Law the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Sign-Any outdoor surface with letters, words, numbers or other symbols, any of which exceed one inch in height, or outdoor three-dimensional representation, intended to convey a message.



Use - A use listed as permitted or specially permitted in the Brimfield Zoning By-Law.

District - An area designated, located, and bounded on a map entitled "Zoning Map of Brimfield, Mass." dated June 11, 1968, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, as presently and hereinafter amended.

II- SIGN REGULATIONS - All signs are prohibited except the following:

A - In all Districts

1. All signs existing on the date of the adoption of this By-Law, provided they are photographed by the owner and registered with the enforcing authority within 14 days of the adoption date.

2. Signs on mail boxes and newspaper tubes not larger than said mail boxes or newspaper tubes.

3. Signs erected by the Town, Commonwealth, or their agencies.

4. Signs required by law.

B - In Business and Industrial Districts

One non-flashing, non-neon, non-moving non-three-dimensional sign on a building; and one such one- or two-surfaced, free-standing sign per building, not over 20-feet above ground level and not closer than 50 feet to the center line of a travelled way; neither exceeding 50 square feet.

C - In Agricultural-Residential and Residential Districts

One non-flashing, non-neon, non-moving sign not over 10 feet above ground level, if otherwise allowed by the Brimfield Zoning By-Law.

D - In Flood Plain Districts

For Business and Industrial uses, signs described in II-B; for Agricultural and Residential uses, signs described in II-C.

III-ENFORCEMENT - It shall be the responsibility of the

### III-E

Selectmen or their legally appointed delegate to take the initiative to enforce this By-Law with or without a citizen's complaint. No sign shall hereinafter be displayed without a permit issued by the enforcing authority. Any person violating this By-Law shall be fined not more than \$20.00 per day. or take any other action thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the present Zoning By-law, Section III, Paragraph III-B, Location of Districts, and the "Zoning Map of Brimfield, Massachusetts dated June 11, 1968," which is made a part thereof, to include as a Business District that part of a tract of land owned by AVR Corporation, Arthur Kenyon, President, lying south of Route 20 and between the Brimfield-Monson Road and Dearth Hill Road, (not already zoned for business) being a portion of the premises described in a deed from Frank C. Grudzien to AVR Corporation, dated November 12, 1969 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3471, Page 456, or take any other action thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay any 1971 bills outstanding after January 10, 1972.

Article 34. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the various departments and activities of the Town, payment of debts and defraying of expenses of the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.

- Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least three public places in the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the times and place of meeting and election aforesaid.

Given under our hand this 24th day of January, 1972.

Richard E. Souliere

Alice M. Adams

Richard C. Allen  
Selectmen of Brimfield

A true copy, ATTEST  
Juliane L. Spooner  
Town Clerk

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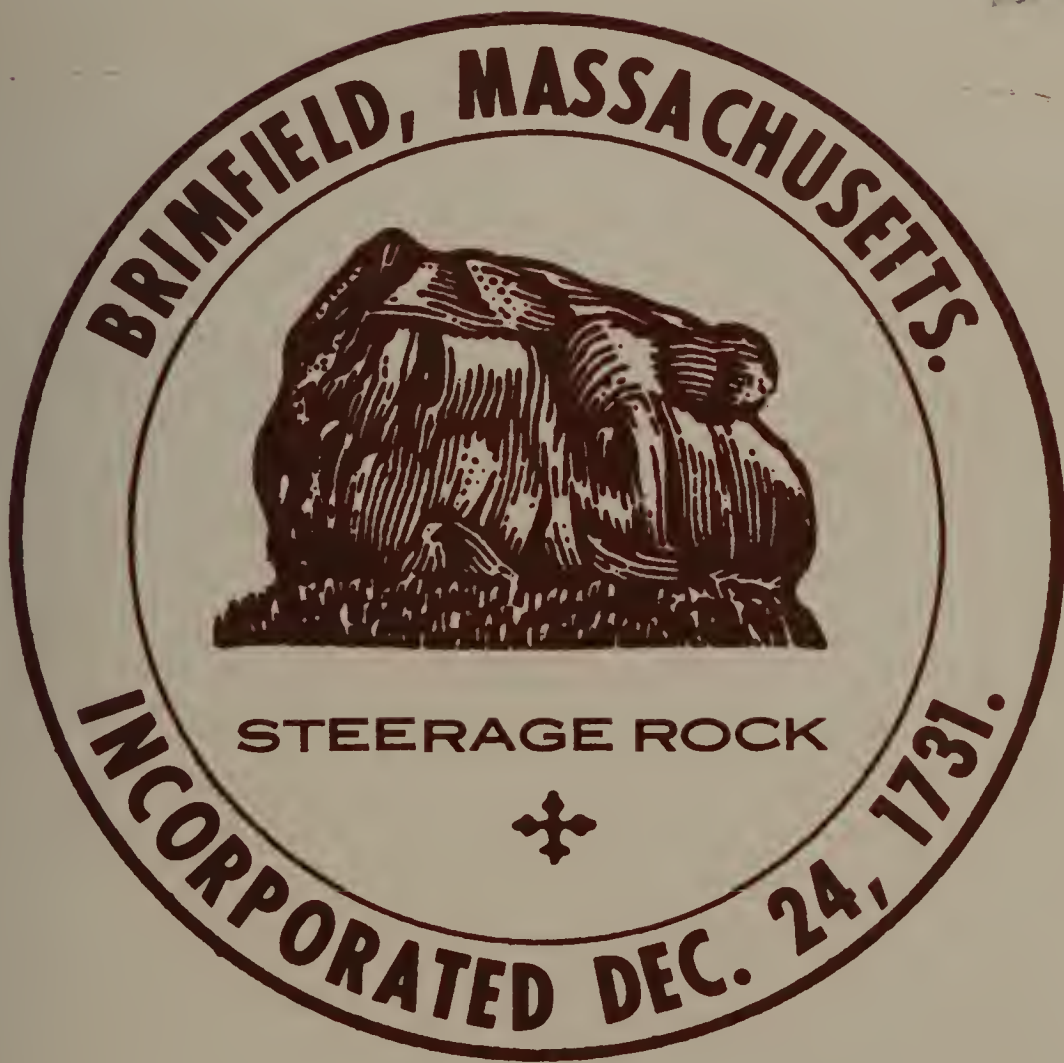
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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **TOWN OF BRIMFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**1972**

### **FOREWORD**

The residents of Brimfield are encouraged to read, study and question this Annual Report for 1972, reflecting the activities, growth and progress of the Town. They are invited to call upon town officers and departments for any further information desired, or simply to comment on the reports.

## GOVERNMENTAL INFORMATION

### Brimfield is included in the:

Second Congressional District  
Seventh Councillor District  
Worcester - Hampden - Hampshire Senatorial District  
First Hampden Representative District

### U. S. Senators are:

Edward T. Kennedy, Boston  
Edward W. Brooke, Newton

### Congressman, 2nd District is:

Edward P. Boland, Springfield

### State Senator is:

Frederic W. Schlosstein, Jr., Warren

### Representative to General Court is:

Alexander Lolas, Monson

### County Commissioners are:

William F. Stapleton  
Richard S. Thomas  
Armando G. Dimauro

### Democratic Town Committee:

Margaret L. Gilman, Chairman  
Ann Stanley, Secretary  
Neil Haley, Treasurer

### Republican Town Committee:

Roderick P. Murphy, Chairman  
Nancy Prescott, Treasurer  
Patricia Guild, Secretary

Population	1949
Voters	1045
Republicans	199
Democrats	216
Independents	630

TOWN OFFICERS - 1972

	Term Expires
<i>TOWN CLERK</i>	
Juliane L. Spooner . . . . .	1973
<i>MODERATOR</i>	
Charles C. Haddock . . . . .	1972
<i>TREASURER</i>	
Catherine Kane, Resigned	
Clarence H. Keith, appointed . . . . .	1973
<i>TAX COLLECTOR</i>	
Barbara W. Keith . . . . .	1973
<i>SELECTMEN</i>	
Richard C. Allen, Chairman . . . . .	1973
James A. Adams, Jr. . . . .	1973
Louis Flowers . . . . .	1973
<i>ASSESSORS</i>	
Charles W. Sherman . . . . .	1975
John M. Haley . . . . .	1974
Andrew W. Gondek, Chairman . . . . .	1973
<i>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</i>	
John O. Curtis . . . . .	1975
Frances Tetreault . . . . .	1974
Carl L. Stearns . . . . .	1973
<i>TANTASQUA REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE</i>	
Arnold R. Beaton . . . . .	1975
Johnstone Prescott . . . . .	1975
<i>BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH</i>	
Edward F. Langevin, Resigned and re-appointed to March 1973 . . .	1975
Theodore Steensen . . . . .	1974
Alice B. Matheson . . . . .	1973
<i>CEMETERY COMMISSION</i>	
James A. Adams, Sr. , Resigned . . . . .	1974
George L. Gregory . . . . .	1973
Everett D. Landen . . . . .	1975
<i>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</i>	
Bertha Osterheld . . . . .	1975
John O. Curtis . . . . .	1975
Lester W. Parker . . . . .	1974
Ethel E. Spooner . . . . .	1974
Olive D. Weston . . . . .	1973
Roger W. Bennett . . . . .	1973

*TREE WARDEN*

James A. Adams, Sr.	. . . . .	1973
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*CONSTABLES*

Robert J. Cutler	. . . . .	1974
Brian N. Haley	. . . . .	1974
Arthur J. Moreau	. . . . .	1974
William Roberts	. . . . .	1974
John H. Stanton	. . . . .	1974

*TRUSTEES - HARRIET HARDING FUND*

Neil S. Haley	. . . . .	1975
Fenton A. Hastings	. . . . .	1974
Edward J. Killian	. . . . .	1973

*PLANNING BOARD*

William Gindele	. . . . .	1977
William Roberts	. . . . .	1976
Robert Christo	. . . . .	1975
Louis Flowers, Resigned - Edward Killian appointed to March 1973	. . . . .	1974
Donald Spear, Resigned - Edwin Noga appointed to March 1973	. . . . .	1973

*TRUSTEES - LINCOLN LIBRARY FUND*

Everett D. Landen	. . . . .	1974
Roger W. Bennett	. . . . .	1973
Lucius J. Cook	. . . . .	1975

**APPOINTIVE TOWN OFFICERS - 1972**

*TOWN ACCOUNTANT*

Joseph Dmuchovsky	. . . . .	1975
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*CHIEF, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST WARDEN*

Robert L. Hanna	. . . . .	1973
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*INSPECTOR OF BARNS AND ANIMALS*

Lyman B. Stanton	. . . . .	1973
Arthur J. Moreau	. . . . .	1973

*SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS*

Real J. Poirier	. . . . .	1973
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*SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL*

Edward J. Killian	. . . . .	1973
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*AGENT, BOARD OF HEALTH*

Lyman Stanton (for inspections)	. . . . .	1973
Marylou Antonavitch, R.N.	. . . . .	1973



<i>VISITING NURSE</i>	
Mrs. Dorothy Chapman, Wales if no answer, call	Tel. 245-3389 283-6881

<i>VETERANS' AGENT</i>		Term Expires
Richard N. Bilodeau	.	1973

<i>MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK</i>		
J. Frederick Lawrence	.	1973

<i>DOG OFFICER</i>		
Arthur J. Moreau	.	1973

<i>FIELD DRIVERS</i>		
Brian Haley	.	1973
Neil Stalker	.	1973
Fenton Hastings	.	1973

<i>FENCE VIEWERS</i>		
Brian Haley	.	1973
Franklin Smith	.	1973
Neil Stalker	.	1973

<i>TOWN COUNSEL</i>		
Michael J. Morrill	.	1973

<i>FINANCE COMMITTEE</i>		
David L. Cheney	.	1975
August DeMiranda	.	1975
Richard Souliere	.	1975
Leo E. Lavigne	.	1974
Jean McGann	.	1974
Theodore Closson	.	1974
Gerald Guild	.	1973
William Spooner	.	1973
Harold E. Hitchcock	.	1973

<i>JURY LIST</i>		
Charles L. McGann	.	1975
David L. Hall	.	1975
Charles Haddock	.	1975
Frank J. Alberts	.	1975
Kenneth M. French	.	1975
Alleen B. Kettles	.	1975
Bella E. Ernst	.	1975
Dorothea Mooney	.	1975
Theodore W. Skowyra	.	1975
James A. Adams, Jr.	.	1974
Lester A. Barton	.	1974
David L. Cheney	.	1974
John O. Curtis	.	1974
August DeMiranda	.	1974
Lester E. Dutka	.	1974

W. Scott Gerrish	. . . . .	1974
Gerald A. Guild	. . . . .	1974
William B. Cox	. . . . .	1973

Drawn during 1972:  
Lester H. Sheldon  
Lucille B. VanDerlick  
Joseph Dmuchovsky  
Charlotte D. Hudson  
Herman H. Horton

REGISTRARS

Margaret V. McIntyre	. . . . .	1975
Margaret Gilman	. . . . .	1974
Grace Stuart	. . . . .	1973

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Lester Dutka	. . . . .	1975
Theodore W. Skowyra	. . . . .	1974
Wayne Barr	. . . . .	1973

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Stanley Bigda	. . . . .	1974
George C. Gross	. . . . .	1973

BUILDING INSPECTOR AND ZONING OFFICER

Walter L. Koslowski	. . . . .	1973
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CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Richard A. Morris	. . . . .	1973
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TRI-TOWN RECREATION COMMITTEE

Leonard Muska	. . . . .	1973
Patricia Guild	. . . . .	1073
Edward J. Ahern	. . . . .	1973

PLANNING BOARD - BOARD OF APPEALS

Stanley Vaill	. . . . .	1975
D. Walker Cheney	. . . . .	1974
Donald Moriarty	. . . . .	1973

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

W. Leeds Frye	. . . . .	1974
Robert Sturtevant	. . . . .	1973

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

William Hall	Robert Van Brocklyn
Frederick Prentiss	John O. Curtis
William Whitten	

Terms expire when final acceptance and report is made.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

William Roberts	. . . . .	1973
Robert Christo	. . . . .	1973
Lester Sheldon	. . . . .	1973
Everett Landen	. . . . .	1973
William Gindele	. . . . .	1973

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Maurice St Clair, Resigned - Richard Erban, appointed	. . . . .	1975
David C. Williams, Resigned - Edward Lundigren, appointed	. . . . .	1975
William B. Cox	. . . . .	1974
Joseph DiFabio	. . . . .	1973
Nancy Cox	. . . . .	1973

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Albert Gendreau	. . . . .	1973
Florence Gendreau	. . . . .	1973
Margaret Gilman	. . . . .	1973
James A. Adams, Jr.	. . . . .	1973
Theodore W. Skowyra	. . . . .	1973

BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Theodore W. Skowyra	. . . . .	1973
George B. Adams	. . . . .	1973
Andrew W. Gondek	. . . . .	1973

CARETAKER AT DUMP

Lyman Stanton	. . . . .	1973
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GAS INSPECTOR

Merritt Hyatt	. . . . .	1973
R.F.D. 1, Palmer, Massachusetts		

CARETAKER AT COMMON

L. Victor Howlett	. . . . .	1973
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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Lester Parker	. . . . .	1975
Elaine Hayes	. . . . .	1974
Richard Raymond	. . . . .	1973

WATER STUDY GROUP

Theodore Skowyra	Carl L. Stearns
James A. Adams, Jr.	Theodore Leth-Steensen
Theodore Closson	
Terms expire when final report is made.	

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Licenses issued for the Division of Fisheries and Game:

174 Resident Fishing  
82 Resident Hunting  
87 Resident Sporting  
35 Resident Minor Fishing  
49 Resident Female Fishing  
11 Special Non-Resident Fishing  
20 Non-Resident Fishing  
3 Alien Fishing  
1 Non-Resident Hunting  
7 Duplicate licenses  
15 Archery Stamps  
28 Resident Sporting (Free)  
2 Non-Resident Big Game Hunting  
1 Non-Resident Small Game Hunting  
2 Resident Citizen Fishing, blind (Free)

### DOGS LICENSED

143 Male @3.00	\$429.00
50 Female @ 6.00	300.00
67 Spayed Female @3.00	201.00
7 Kennel @10.00	70.00
1 Kennel @ 25.00	25.00
1 Kennel @ 50.00	50.00
	<u>50.00</u>
	\$1,075.00

Less Clerk's fees:  
269 @35¢ \$94.15

Balance paid to Treasurer \$980.85

### BRIEF ABSTRACT OF DOG LAWS:

The owner or keeper of any dog three months old or over must have said dog licensed. Licenses are due and payable on or before March 31st of each year. Whoever violates the provisions of the dog laws shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$15.00

Every dog, six months or older, must be inoculated with rabies vaccine, bi-annually.



BIRTHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
1972		
January		
9	Katrina Marie Heipler	Vaughn James Heipler Virginia M. Thompson
February		
12	Tina Marie Surprenant	Richard P. Surprenant Elaine M. Loranger
March		
2	Frederic Michael Kozyra	Frederic A. Kozyra, Jr. Marilyn J. Gervais
April		
4	Eric Bernard Parrettie	Louis O. Parrettie Alice J. Samek
9	Nathan Robert Miselis	Robert Miselis Nancy J. Machado
22	Heather May Weston	Ronald Norman Weston Linda May Davis
28	Lauri Lynn Pratt	Leroy David Pratt Beverly Jean Smith
May		
1	Susan Yvonne Walch	Richard C. Walch Yvonne M. Vermette
3	Laura Squir Morris	Richard Alan Morris Sandra Jean Pauly
29	Dennis Edmond Desautels	Dennis E. Desautels Joyce E. Studley
June		
7	Theresa Eileen Olson	Vernon Olson Rita Derosier
13	Mary Phyllis O'Connor	Terrance B. O'Connor Shirley A. Morgan
14	Maureen Lynn Bonneau	Arthur J. Bonneau, Jr. Linda L. Racicot
July		
4	Robert J. Warren	Edmond A. Warren Dorothy L. St. Pierre
28	Wardwell Burtis Cox, Jr.	Wardwell Burtis Cox Susan Jane Stanton

August		
27	Andrew Robert Orreck	Robert F. Orreck Elizabeth A. Tereska
October		
28	Eric Christopher Moriarty	Donald G. Moriarty Pamela E. Lockhart
31	David Allen Modugno	Charles A. Modugno Jacqueline Gleason
November		
5	Shirley Rita Dufresne	Bruce Allan Dufresne Sharon R. Walker
December		
7	Rebecca Jean Moreau	Wayne P. Moreau Mary E. Thompson
11	Jason Wayne Adams	Wayne T. Adams Ellen M. Salva
30	Shawn Paul Lundrigan	Edward M. Lundrigan, Jr. Sandra T. Camerota

### DEATHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>Days</u>
1972				
January				
1	Mary (Limond) Woodard	96	2	6
2	Ellen Agnes (Fletcher) Friot	79	11	9
18	Stephen Eugene McNamara	75	11	28
February				
7	Edwin Porter Boardman	51	2	19
9	William Newton	89	10	0
20	Marjorie (Draper) Killian	54	11	3
23	Esther Viola Lombard	86	11	13
March				
14	Ethel A. (Boyer) Hill	69	3	12
19	John E. Cummings	89	8	9
29	Edward Franklin Fossett	60	0	17
April				
2	Annunziata (DeSantis) Calcagni	80	1	20

May				
5	Ella (Wheeler) Crofton	83	8	3
14	Roscoe Willard Nichols	79	9	12
August				
11	Arthur Butler, Jr.	46	0	10
September				
13	Philip Theodore Brown	86	7	4
21	Mark Anthony Smith	16	3	2
October				
13	Verge Richtmyer	66	5	21
16	Frank Somers Gifford	90	3	6
28	Ellison Michael Waite	18	2	26
November				
17	Eliza (Maine) Gagnon	76	4	22
20	Lawrence E. Guerin	61	11	8
December				
17	George LaViolette	86	9	25

### MARRIAGES RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom and residence</u>	<u>Bride and residence</u>
January		
8	John H. Stanton, Jr. Brimfield	Marlene M. Lilla Brimfield
February		
12	Adelard D. Walkover Wales	Bessie H. Archibald Nova Scotia
12	Juris Kudriaszow Staffordville, Conn.	Pamela M. Rattee Wales
19	Donald A. Fodor Brimfield	Barbara Jean Roe Middletown, Conn.
March		
18	Paul A. Ramsey Monson	Rosemary C. Cadieux Brimfield
April		
1	Norman L. Poirier Palmer	Alice A. Kilts Palmer
29	Allen L. Sweetsir Brimfield	Catherine A. Boutin Sturbridge

May		
7	John Winkler Brimfield	Thelma MacDonald Hanson
20	Richard Puduski Brimfield	Barbara J. Wells Ware
20	Robert J. Malvezzi Springfield	Judith D.M.Scott Wales
27	Jeffrey A.DeMichael Townsend, Md.	Linda L. Stred Auburn, Me.
27	John M. Keough Brimfield	Susan E. Hunt Holland
June		
9	Karl David Meacham Lagrange, Ill.	Dorothy J. Marshall Hinsdale, Ill.
10	James F. Pernoski Wales	Nancy Ann Haley Wales
17	Richard Emile Gauvin Holland	Darlene Ann Gratton West Brookfield
23	Paul A. Mimeault Brimfield	Carole C. Valerio Brimfield
July		
1	Rupert A. Story Wales	Lynda Marie Bunce Springfield
1	Robert H. Paige Wales	Mary Kathleen Murray Wales
15	Vern C. Emerson Sturbridge	Sandra J. Martin Holland
16	David W. McVeigh Brimfield	Christine P. Flagg Ware
29	Francis D. Flebotte Brimfield	Susan M. Portier Brimfield
August		
14	George A. Tetreault, Jr. Buffalo, N.Y.	Elizabeth A.Z.Kuch Clarence, N.Y.
20	Thomas A. Jeneral Brimfield	Elizabeth Anne Lavoie Southbridge
26	James E. Yeames Brimfield	Rebecca R. Allen Brimfield
26	Leslie H. Norton Warren	Dianne M. Casavant Brimfield
September		
6	Sherman W. Boutwell Brimfield	Ruth C. Parker Brimfield



9	Donald F. Puduski Brimfield	Loretta M. Clark Chicopee
10	Richard P. Patnaude Palmer	Donna Lee Sheehan Holland
23	Robert H. Deyo , Jr. Brimfield	Jeanne A. Roy Springfield
23	Robert Edwin Wilcox Brimfield	Patricia A. Niles Springfield
October		
7	Richard A. Fredette Brimfield	Linda M. Dashnaw Southbridge
7	Joseph P. Cahill Springfield	Grace E. Dady Brimfield
8	Edward F. Beckwith Hartford, Conn.	Paula G. Juliano Hartford, Conn.
15	Joseph F. Noga Brimfield	Gertrude M. Lamery Palmer
21	Thomas M. Gorski No. Wilbraham	Dorinda R. Smith Brimfield
November		
4	Richard H. Phifer Brimfield	Suzanne A. Boudriault Brimfield
25	Stuart C Hazen W. Brookfield	Robin R. Roberts Brimfield
December		
22	Michael John Baxley Monson	Debra Gene Goodspeed Brimfield

ABSTRACTS OF ACTION TAKEN DURING 1972 TOWN MEETINGS:

March 13, 1972 - Election of Town Officers.

March 6, 1972 - Annual Appropriations Meeting.

Article 1. Accepted reports of Town Officers.

Article 2. Voted salaries remain the same.

Article 3. Voted \$1798.36 in Comp. Ins.. Fund and \$350 Comp. policy dividend be appropriated for compensation insurance.

Article 4. Voted to turn Dog Fund over the Library.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

Article 6. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursements.

Article 7. Voted to authorize Selectmen to sell at auction, Tax Title property.

Article 8. Voted to R & A \$300 for Civil Defense of which \$100 be for salary.

Article 9. Voted to R & A \$5750 for Chap. 90 Maintenance.

Article 10. Voted to R & A \$5500 for Chap. 90 Construction.

Article 11. Voted to R & A \$2000 to prepare and oil a section of unpaved public way.

Article 12. Voted to appropriate \$3662.12 of Chap. 768 funds for reconstruction of Dunhamtown-Brimfield Rd.

Article 13. Voted to transfer \$6526.87 from Mach. Fund to Machinery Acct.

Article 14. Voted to appropriate \$2550 from Machinery Acct. and R & A \$3000 to purchase new highway truck.

- Article 15. Voted to authorize Selectmen to sell upon sealed bids either the 1967 Chevrolet or 1950 Mack truck.
- Article 16. Voted to R & A \$950 for a new sander motor.
- Article 17. Voted to R & A \$300 for a used compressor.
- Article 18. Voted to R & A \$1000 to purchase a used snow-plow, pump and accessories.
- Article 19. Voted to R & A \$1000 to purchase radios for town highway equipment.
- Article 20. Voted to R & A \$700 for sidewalk repair.
- Article 21. Voted to appropriate the \$1000 State Aid for the Library, for that purpose.
- Article 22. Voted to take no action on property transfer for Town Hall driveway.
- Article 23. Voted to R & A \$2000 toward creating the Town Hall parking lot.
- Article 24. Voted to accept gift of the land offered to the Town by G. Winthrop Wilson, of Connecticut, for conservation purposes.
- Article 25. Voted to accept the gift of land offered to the Town by Arthur B. Brown of Ware, for conservation purposes.
- Article 26. Voted to R & A \$5500 for construction of addition to fire station.
- Article 27. Voted to R & A \$350 for snow removal at Sherman Lake.
- Article 28. Voted to appoint a committee of five to study the town buildings water supply situation.
- Article 29. Voted to take no action with regard to school water supply.
- Article 30. Voted to establish an Historical Commission under the provisions of Sec. 8D of Chap. 40 of the Gen'l. Laws.



- Article 31. Voted to take no action on a sign by-law.
- Article 32. Motion to increase depth of business zone between Monson Rd. and Dearth Hill Rd. was defeated.
- Article 33. Voted to take no action on 1971 bills, since there are none.
- Article 34. Voted to R & A the sums requested in the budget, except that the Town Reports be \$998.28; Gen'l. Highways \$21,000; of the \$301,412.52 requested for the Grammar School, \$40,000 be taken from available funds; and Conservation Commission \$100.
- Article 35. Voted no money for the Stabilization fund.

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#### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, July 17, 1972

- Article 1. Voted to appropriate \$3500 from the Overlay Surplus Account to construct a well on elementary school property.
- Article 2. Voted to authorize Selectmen to execute a quit-claim deed on Fogg property.
- Article 3. Voted to authorize Selectmen to settle any claim outstanding and to assent to final accounting of the executor of the will of Alma L. Fogg.
- Article 4. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow for financial years beginning Jan. 1, 1972 and Jan. 1, 1973 in anticipation of revenue.

#### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: September 25, 1972

- Article 1. Voted to approve \$275,000 debt, by Tantasqua Regional District School Committee, for financing in part an addition to the regional high school for a regional junior high school for grades 7, 8 and 9.



We have received report of the audit of the General Accounts of the Town of Brimfield. The accompanying letter follows:

Mr. Gordon A. McGill  
Director of Accounts

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the general accounts of the town of Brimfield for the period from November 3, 1968, and of the accounts of the tax collector from November 25, 1968, the dates of the previous examinations, to April 12, 1972, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records of the town treasurer and the town accountant.

The town accountant's general and appropriation ledger accounts were analyzed and checked in detail. The receipts as recorded, were checked with the treasurer's books and with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, while the recorded payments were compared with the treasurer's books and the treasury warrants. The loan authorizations, appropriations, and transfers, as entered were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed by the town meetings and with the finance committee's authorizations of transfers from the reserve fund.

The necessary adjustments resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on April 12, 1972 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The balance sheet shows overdrafts in two appropriation accounts which are in violation of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 31.

The books and accounts of the Town Treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The cash book additions were verified and the recorded receipts were compared with the accountant's books, with the records of the sev-

eral departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The recorded payments were checked with the selectmens' warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the accountant's books.

The treasurer's cash balance on April 12, 1972 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office, and by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the bank of deposit.

The records of payroll deductions for Federal and State taxes, county retirement and for group insurance premiums were examined and proved. The payments to the proper agencies were verified and the balances on hand were reconciled with the respective controls in the accountant's ledger.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred to the tax title account were checked to the collector's books, the reported redemptions and sales were compared with the receipts as entered in the treasurer's books, the foreclosures were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, reconciled with the ledger controls, and checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and all transactions and balances being verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax and excise accounts recommitted according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and checked with the warrants issued for their collection. The recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer, as shown by the treasurer's and accountant's books, the abatements as entered, were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were proved, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective controls in the accountant's ledger.

Further verification of the outstanding tax and excise ac-



counts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The collections on account of dog and sporting licenses issued, and from miscellaneous charges, were verified and checked with the payments to the town treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game. The cash balance on April 12, 1972 was verified by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the board of selectmen, as well as the police and health departments, were examined, the payments to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand was proved by actual count.

The records of departmental collections by the town hall custodian, as well as by the highway, school, library and cemetery departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the town treasurer were verified by comparison with the treasurer's and the accountant's books, and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds filed by the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the several cash counts, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

During the progress of the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Walter F. Abel  
Assistant Chief of  
Bureau

WFA:MCC

The foregoing information regarding Town Meeting Action is in the form of an abstract only, and does not reflect the actual wording of the official records. The letter from the State Auditors, however, is a complete and accurate copy.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliane L. Spooner  
Town Clerk



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen would like the voters of Brimfield to be aware of all business for 1972. The following information states activities which were the major concerns of the town.

One of the first duties was the appointment of Town Officers. Those regular appointments were made in March, 1972, and are listed in this Town Report. There were two appointments made after the resignation of Mrs. C.Kane. A new Town Treasurer, Mr. Clarence Keith was appointed to fill the position, together with a clerk to assist him.

Many projects were undertaken by the Highway Department and those persons hired under the Emergency Employment Act.

The Highway Department, under the leadership of Real Poirier:

- applied bituminous concrete to the Hollow Road under Chapter 90 Maintenance;
- constructed, widened, and straightened sections of the Little Alum Road, as well as patching, oiling and draining under Chapter 81 Maintenance;
- repaired the extremely poor sidewalks and bridge on the Dearth Hill Road near the Wales town line;
- constructed a most useful parking lot at the rear of the Town Hall;
- repaired and maintained the constantly used Town equipment.

Our commendation and gratitude to Mr. Real Poirier and his employees.

Due to the efforts of the men and the Emergency Employment Act, considerable savings were realized on the addition to the fire station. Our thanks to Walter Koslowski for his excellent work. Also under E.E.A., painting services were provided for the town garage, the exterior of the Elementary School, the Town Hall, road signs and care was given to the town dump.

Three other community services were provided for the Town of Brimfield during 1972. The youth hired under the neighborhood Youth Corps summer program were a great asset to their town in helping to paint bridges, guard rails and

signs, in cutting brush and working with the Town Clerk. Dennis McCurdy receives our appreciation for his leadership with these projects.

The second service was by the Civil Defense Director, Mr. Richard Morris. His able development of a plan for the Town in the event of a disaster contains listings of all available equipment and personnel as well as operational procedure.

The Buffalo pumper broke down one week after the annual Town Meeting in 1972. Figures for a replacement truck would run from \$26,000 to \$34,000. The Selectmen requested the Highway Superintendent to analyze the repairable nature of the truck. Real Poirier altered, improvised, and repaired the pumper at an approximate cost of \$760. The Buffalo again works with the best! Another job completed.

The facts in 1972 are: One annual and two special Town Meetings were held; Federal Sharing monies have been allotted to Brimfield; this money will indirectly reduce taxes as monies for new projects will not have to be appropriated.

The future was also of concern to the Selectmen in 1972. Appropriations will be made at the annual meeting for 1973 and for a six month period - January 1, 1974 through June 30, 1974.

Other requests and articles for the future are as follows:

- to purchase a pick-up truck for the purpose of replacing a 1966 truck which is in very worn condition.
- to purchase a new sander and rebuild another, much used from the years 1964 and 1965 respectively.
- to cut and trim trees and brush.
- to complete the first objective in road construction or road repair, that of drainage, the lack of which has been noticed recently due to the heavy rain conditions.
- to clean and maintain above mentioned drainage system for the purpose of optimum use.
- to repair all of our town roads.
- to construct or reconstruct sections of roads to insure safer traveling conditions.
- to establish a Housing Authority for the Elderly, for which a Study Committee was recently appointed to investigate the matter.



Unfortunately for our Town, it is necessary to mention, as well as participate in, court actions by and against the Town of Brimfield. The Town Counsel fees are larger this year due to the following court counselings and proceedings.

The only proposed court action regarding Mr. Walter Pleu and his Quinebaug Cove was voted not to carry to court after actions were not completed by a previous Town Counsel. The opinion of the majority of the Selectmen was that the time lapse was too great.

A question was raised as to the vote of a Special Town Meeting for the Selectmen to sign over a clear title to the Alma Fogg property. An opinion was that the Town still had a lien on the same due to a clause written into the will. After examination by Town Counsel, his ruling was that it was Mrs. Fogg's intent to cover the lien (only) held by the town. This type of lien was out-lawed by the Legislature some years ago, therefore the town had no claim against the estate.

Court suits against the Town of Brimfield were and are considerably greater. A group of people from Brimfield employed an attorney charging that eleven of the Town's Officers were in conflict of interest. Action was taken by Town Counsel, Mr. Michael Morrill to rule on the officers after statements had been filed by each officer and the Selectmen had made them Special Employees individually.

Mr. Walter Pleu filed a petition versus Mr. Ward Cox, Zoning Officer, Mr. J. Leth-Steenson, Chairman of the Board of Health, and Mr. Richard Souliere, former Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. A Writ of Mandamus was served; the town filed a Demurrer. This was sustained for the Town of Brimfield and the case was dismissed.

Mr. Richard Raymond, et al filed a petition for a Writ of Mandamus against the Selectmen and the Building Inspector, for invalid spot zoning. The case was tried and filed in the Town of Brimfield's favor. These actions were in Superior Court in Springfield. Mr. Raymond has now appealed to the Supreme Court on what he deems an unfavorable decision. The case is pending.

Another case is also pending, that of Mr. Walter Pleu versus the Planning Board of Appeals. Mr. Pleu filed a Bill

in Equity, Chapter 40A, Section 21 of the General Laws, a statutory appeal from the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Edward Killian and Mr. John Wood appealed to the Appellate Tax Board from a decision by the Board of Assessors of the Town of Brimfield. This case was dismissed.

At the time of the writing of this report, a group, PROD, are in the process of filing a Writ of Mandamus against the Selectmen regarding alleged failure to enforce Article XI of the Town By-Laws, known as the Unregistered Motor Vehicle By-Law, against alleged violators. We would like the Town to note that the Selectmen have posted in the newspaper that they would check the town for alleged violators of the above-mentioned By-Law. They have also made a similar motion at a meeting with the Town Counsel. The Selectmen have intentions of carrying out this and all of their duties as soon as time and conditions warrant.

Information and suggestions as seen by the Board of Selectmen which are also of great concern. Chap. 90 construction on Holland Road was not started because of engineering and staking to be done by the State before the project. Let us mention at this time that the Highway Department has been badly handicapped this year due to insufficient funds and lack of adequate help. The Town must provide new benefits for employees if we are to have personnel to complete a job efficiently and effectively.

Another worthwhile suggestion we wish to present to you is that of a three year term for Selectmen. At some point, it is conceivable that the Town would acquire three new members to the Board which could result in unnecessary and unfortunate situations.

The Selectmen wish to thank all departments, officers, and voters for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Allen,  
Chairman  
James A. Adams, Jr.  
Louis Flowers

Board of Selectmen



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### REAL ESTATE

#### 1972

Commitments as per warrants	\$361,943.29
Abatements refunded	<u>731.00</u>

Cash to Treasurer	\$316,014.41	
To Tax Title	7,614.06	
Abatements	<u>16,393.36</u>	<u>340,021.83</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		\$ 22,652.46

#### 1971

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$ 25,232.42
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Cash to Treasurer	\$ 22,360.26	
To Tax Title	2,166.57	
Abatements	<u>47.25</u>	<u>24,574.08</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		\$ 658.34

#### 1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$ 717.64
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Cash to Treasurer	\$ 545.44	
To Tax Title	53.20	
Abatements	<u>45.36</u>	<u>644.00</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		\$ 73.64

#### 1969

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$ 868.20
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Cash to Treasurer	\$ 375.60	
Abatements	<u>476.28</u>	<u>851.88</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		16.32

#### 1968

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$ 52.52
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Abatement	<u>52.52</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972	0

1967

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$ 42.12
Abatement	<u>42.12</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972	0

FARM ANIMAL

1972

Commitment as per warrant	\$ 381.25
Cash to Treasurer	<u>381.25</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972	0

1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$ 11.22
Cash to Treasurer	<u>0</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972	\$ 11.22

PERSONAL PROPERTY

1972

Commitments as per warrants	\$ 49,696.72
Abatements refunded	<u>3.10</u>
	\$ 49,699.82
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 48,860.34
Abatements	<u>155.62</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972	\$ 49,015.96
	\$ 683.86

1971

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$ 437.22
Cash to Treasurer	<u>289.80</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972	\$ 147.42

1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$ 47.60
Cash to Treasurer	<u>0</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972	\$ 47.60

1969

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$	92.48
Abatement		<u>24.48</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972	\$	68.00

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1972

Commitments as per warrants		\$41,664.62
Abatements refunded		<u>605.53</u>
		\$42,270.15
Cash to Treasurer	\$29,225.91	
Abatements	<u>3,961.77</u>	<u>33,187.68</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		\$ 9,082.47*

1971

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972		\$ 6,565.54
1971 Commitments submitted in 1972		10,463.18
Abatements refunded		<u>1,183.16</u>
		\$18,211.88
Cash to Treasurer	\$11,991.19	
Abatements	<u>4,128.46</u>	<u>16,119.65</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		\$ 2,092.23

1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972		\$ 954.65
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 344.83	
Abatements	140.25	
Adjustment by state audit	<u>9.40</u>	<u>494.48</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		\$ 460.17

1969

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972		\$ 369.19
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 117.51	
Adjustment by State audit	<u>.04</u>	<u>117.55</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		\$ 251.64

1968

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972		\$ 93.78
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 26.40	
Adjustment by state audit	<u>22.83</u>	<u>49.23</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		\$ 44.55

1967

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$ .41
Cash to Treasurer	<u>.41</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972	0

Trailer Park Receipts \$ 6,324.00

\*This amount was increased late in the year due to a commitment from the Registry of Motor Vehicles of \$11,826.02.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara W. Keith  
Tax Collector

#### DID YOU KNOW...

that direct decedents of at least four of the original proprietors still reside in Brimfield? Lester Parker, Alice Lombard and three generations of Shermans - George B., John L. and the children of John L. Sherman. There may well be others who have roots in Brimfield over 240 years long.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1972	\$ 164,452.13	
Cash receipts	<u>1,165,999.83</u>	
		\$1,330,451.96

Paid on Treasury warrants	1,219,290.60	
Cash on hand		
Dec. 31, 1972	<u>111,161.36</u>	
		1,330,451.96

Funds in custody of Treasurer:	
Harriet Allen School Fund	1,637.29
Mary Burns School Fund	2,201.23

Library Funds:	
Mary Hyde	831.50
Ursula Shaw	2,489.09
Endocia Flynt	103.50
Albert Tarbell	200.00
Julia Coy	645.04
Elizabeth Robinson	411.41
Fitzhenry Warren	1,000.00
Emily Woods	500.00
Philip Burns	<u>1,000.00</u>
	7,180.56

Harriet Harding Fund	4,951.89
James Lincoln Fund	4,421.37
Chamberlain-Smith Fund	678.00
Pearsall Monument Fence Fund	244.72
Bliss Cemetery Gate Fund	79.93
Cemetery Wall Fund	571.88
Hoyt Animal Cemetery Fund	827.66
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Principal	20,585.55
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Interest	<u>20,529.58</u>
	\$63,909.66

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence H. Keith  
Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Raised by taxation	\$ 700,236.47
Appropriated from available funds	59,877.07
Deficits due to abatements	841.67
School Lunch Program	1,172.47
Free Public Libraries	1,000.00
Water Pollution Abt. Program	1,043.00
Veterans' Service District Assessment	1,253.24
School debt payment, Sec. 23, Chap. 59	18,912.73
County tax	40,000.00
State recreation areas	4,248.00
State assessment system	76.28
Air Pollution Control District	151.08
Motor vehicle excise tax bills	226.35
Overlay of current year	<u>20,000.00</u>
Gross amount to be raised	\$ 849,038.36
Available funds and estimated receipts	<u>438,008.43</u>
Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$ 411,029.93
Tax rate - \$62.00 per M	
Personal property valuation	799,970.00
Real estate valuation	<u>5,829,545.00</u>
Total valuation	\$6,629,515.00

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Gondek  
John M. Haley  
Charles W. Sherman

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**  
**For the year ending December 31, 1972**

**RECEIPTS**  
**GENERAL REVENUE**

**Taxes**

Current year personal	\$ 48,860.34	
Current year real estate	316,014.41	
Previous years personal	316.98	
Previous years real estate	23,281.30	
Tax title redemptions	<u>2,908.14</u>	
		\$ 391,381.07

**Motor Vehicle Excise**

Levy of 1972	29,225.91	
Previous years	<u>12,480.34</u>	
		41,706.25

**Farm Animal Excise**

Levy of 1972		381.25
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**Commonwealth of Mass.**

State valuation basis	3,516.76	
Machinery basis	196.45	
Loss of taxes	<u>18,062.65</u>	
		21,775.86

**Federal Grants**

E.S.E.A. Title II	335.79	
N.D.E.A. Title III	565.75	
School Lunch Program	<u>5,714.56</u>	
		6,616.10

**State Grants**

Libraries	1,000.00	
Chapt. 70 School Aid	165,107.33	
Vocational transportation	454.00	
High school transportation and tuition	54,275.85	
Chapt. 69-71 School Aid	10,210.00	
Chapt. 74 tuition	863.00	
School building assistance	19,473.68	
Veterans Service Dist.	4,508.49	
Local aid lottery	7,726.22	
Chapt. 58 Highway funds	39,902.59	
Chapt. 81 Maint.	<u>16,650.96</u>	
		320,172.12

Grants from County		
Dog Fund		489.72
All other general revenue		
Sale of cemetery lots	90.00	
Graves and foundations	1,088.00	
Tuition Town of Holland	<u>70.18</u>	
		1,248.18
Special assessments		
Trailer parks	6,324.00	
Liquor licenses	1,150.00	
Permits and licenses	475.00	
Court fines	<u>327.60</u>	
		8,276.60
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE		\$ 792,047.15

Commercial Revenue  
General Government

Treasurer		
Tailings		80.83
Tax Collector		
Liens	24.00	
Demands	340.00	
Unidentified receipts	<u>62.18</u>	
		426.18
Phone commission		89.47
Town Hall rentals		30.00

Departmental

Dog Warden reimbursement		954.00
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Highways

Chapt. 90 Maint.		
State	5,749.90	
County	5,749.90	
Sale of truck	50.00	
Machinery Fund	15,136.65	
Chapt. 90 Const.State	11,000.00	
Chapt. 90 Const.County	5,500.00	
Comp. insurance	<u>1,583.02</u>	
		44,769.47



Schools

Sale of supplies	28.14	
School lunch receipts	<u>7,751.97</u>	7,780.11

Libraries

Library fines		206.76
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Interest

On deferred taxes	1,213.16	
On tax titles redeemed	244.73	
On motor vehicle excise	189.32	
On Library funds	459.27	
On Cemetery funds	<u>132.11</u>	2,238.59

Municipal indebtedness

Temporary loans revenue	200,000.00	
School loans payment	59,525.00	
Assessors maps loan	<u>10,120.00</u>	269,645.00

Agency

Agency trust and investment

Federal W.H. taxes	28,979.53	
Mass. W.H. taxes	8,895.66	
County retirement W.H	2,063.81	
Dog licenses for county	1,113.10	
Group Hosp.Ins.W.H.	3,096.86	
Group life ins.W.H.	238.35	
Group life Hosp.Ins.EEA	403.34	
Group life Ins.EEA	<u>35.09</u>	44,825.74

Trust and Investment

Trust

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		1,537.95
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Refunds and Transfers

Refunds

Veterans' benefits	265.19	
School Building Account	50.00	
Compensation insurance	350.00	
Schools	326.79	

Interest on N.P.	226.13	
Group Ins.	48.06	
Machinery Maint.	4.00	
School Well Account	76.65	
Property insurance	<u>21.75</u>	
		<u>1,368.57</u>
Total Commercial Revenue		373,952.67
Total Revenue		1,165,999.82
Cash on hand Jan.1, 1972		<u>164,872.14</u>
Total		1,330,871.96
Cash Federal Revenue sharing		<u>24,608.00</u>
CASH and TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$1,355.479.96

PAYMENTS  
General Government

Moderator		
Salary		\$ 125.00
Selectmen		
Salaries	\$ 1,400.00	
Clerk	400.00	
Printing, stationery		
and postage	249.85	
Travel	222.25	
Telephone	474.88	
Dog census	50.00	
Dues	84.00	
Advertisement	<u>23.58</u>	
		2,904.56
Town Accountant		
Salary	1,200.00	
Printing, stationery		
and postage	110.97	
Dues	5.00	
Travel	<u>10.50</u>	
		1,326.47
Town Treasurer		
Salary	900.00	
Travel	25.00	

Printing, stationery and postage	296.81	
Surety bond	176.60	
Certificates of redemption	10.00	
Dues	8.00	
Clerk hire	<u>179.00</u>	1,595.41

Tax Collector		
Salary	750.00	
Money and securities Ins.	113.00	
Printing, stationery and postage	584.35	
Surety bond	196.00	
Dues	8.00	
Adv.	67.90	
Travel	16.50	
Clerk hire	26.25	
Adding machine	96.15	
Demands	<u>340.00</u>	2,198.15

Assessors		
Salaries	1,350.00	
Clerk	400.00	
Printing, stationery and postage	371.95	
Travel	103.00	
Dues	27.00	
Clerk hire	22.00	
Adv.	25.00	
Horse and snowmobile census	100.00	
Office equipment rental	15.00	
Assessors maps	<u>10,075.00</u>	12,488.95

Finance Committee		
Salary	75.00	
Travel	26.00	
Postage and stationery	<u>1.84</u>	102.84

#### General Government

Printing, certification:	
Certifying notes	17.00

Law Dept.		
Town Counsel	400.00	
Legal fees and expenses	<u>750.00</u>	1,150.00
Town Clerk		
Salary	900.00	
Recording fees	90.00	
Printing, stationery and postage	271.92	
Surety bond	10.00	
Dues	10.00	
Travel	<u>40.50</u>	1,322.42
Election and registration		
Registrars wages	224.00	
Election officers	820.00	
Printing, stationery and postage	141.72	
Meals	75.44	
Street list	272.40	
Town Clerk	<u>50.00</u>	1,583.56
Planning Board		
Dues	15.00	
Printing, stationery and postage	55.10	
Clerk hire	15.00	
Office equipment	<u>58.00</u>	143.10
Zoning Board of Appeals		
Clerk hire	182.00	
Office equipment	<u>3.00</u>	185.00
Town Hall		
Janitor salary	900.00	
Fuel	1,139.01	
Light	252.08	
Repairs	915.87	
Janitor's supplies	34.53	
Cleaning	<u>100.00</u>	3,341.49
Town Hall parking lot		
Highway Supt.	337.50	



Highway labor	336.50	
Compensation insurance	31.67	
Highway trucks	578.95	
Hired equipment	384.00	
Fences and posts	107.85	
Bit. oil	88.28	
Sand	<u>135.00</u>	
		1,999.75

Town Garage and Fire Station Maint.		
Fuel	1,057.15	
Light	592.80	
Repairs	293.14	
Fixtures	<u>22.30</u>	
		1,965.39

Town Garage and Fire Station addition		
Material	1,492.66	
Labor	439.10	
Compensation insurance	23.16	
Highway Supt.	54.00	
Hired equipment	14.00	
Door	<u>475.00</u>	
		<u>2,497.92</u>

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$	34,947.01
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### PAYMENTS

#### Public Safety

Police Dept.		
Wages	750.00	
Printing, stationery and postage	34.18	
Equipment	144.69	
Travel Chief	<u>65.00</u>	
		999.87

Fire Dept.		
Chief salary	350.00	
Forest fires wages	48.00	
New radios	775.00	
Gas and oil	121.50	
Parts and repairs	2,151.78	
Printing, stationery and postage	69.67	

Telephone	864.91	
Health insurance	632.70	
Ambulance Ins.	470.00	
Dues	10.00	
Subscriptions	<u>13.00</u>	5,506.56
Civil Defense		
Director salary	100.00	
Tools	25.80	
Repairs and parts	<u>138.51</u>	264.31
Constables Expense		
Travel & expense		200.00
Public Safety		
Dog Warden Service		
Care of dogs	840.00	
Killing dogs	<u>90.00</u>	930.00
Building Inspector		
Travel	30.00	
Printing, stationery and postage	10.00	
Telephone	<u>6.00</u>	46.00
Insect Pest Control		
Supt.	60.00	
Labor	120.00	
Car hire	20.00	
Tree removal	691.54	
Compensation ins.	<u>8.46</u>	900.00
Tree Warden		
Salary	100.00	
Tree removal	<u>400.00</u>	500.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		<u>9,346.74</u>

## Health and Sanitation

### Health Dept.

Agent salary	200.00
Animal inspector	75.00
Clerk hire	100.00
Printing, stationery and postage	21.74
Medical attendance	265.58
Other	<u>1.76</u>

664.08

### Sanitation, care of Dump

Attendant salary	12.00
Highway Supt.	171.00
Highway labor	219.00
Hired equipment	1,162.00
Highway trucks	450.40
Compensation ins.	18.32
Pest Control	100.00
Sand and fill	580.40
Police hire	20.00
Bulldozing	<u>245.50</u>

2,976.62

### TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION

3,640.70

## Highways

### General Highways

Bridge Repairs	
Supt. salaries	589.50
Labor	658.40
Lumber and material	506.76
Trucks	192.75
Comp. Ins.	<u>58.65</u>

2,006.06

### Snow Removal

Supt. salary	3,960.00
Labor	5,939.95
Salt and sand	1,044.00
Trucks	7,978.70
Hired equipment	1,347.00
Comp. Ins.	<u>465.29</u>

\$ 20,734.94

## TOTAL GENERAL HIGHWAY

\$ 22,741.00

Lake Sherman Snow Removal 350.00

## Unpaved roads

Supt. salary	423.00
Labor	502.45
Clerk	7.95
Comp. Ins.	43.88
Trucks	256.70
Gravel	250.40
Explosives	115.20
Hired equipment	<u>400.00</u>

1,999.58

## Town Sidewalks

Supt. salary	144.00
Labor	240.80
Trucks	107.60
Oil topping	182.45
Comp. Ins.	<u>18.09</u>

692.94

## TOTAL GENERAL HIGHWAYS

\$ 25,783.52

## Highways

## Chapt. 768 Improvement

Supt. salary	513.00
Labor	694.55
Trucks	492.35
Compensation Ins.	56.76
Hired equipment	600.00
Sand and stone	162.51
Top oil	<u>1,142.69</u>

3,661.86

## Chapt. 81 Maint.

Supt. salary	4,680.00
Labor	6,223.15
Stone and gravel and sand	295.45
Truck rentals	3,719.70
Hired equipment	1,045.00
Clerk	450.50
Comp. Ins.	533.61
Cold Patch	1,064.13
Top oil	<u>1,502.55</u>



Culverts	459.67	
Advertising	19.66	
Small tools	<u>11.32</u>	20,004.74

Chapt. 90 Maint.

Supt. salary	832.50	
Labor	1,436.50	
Truck rentals	1,172.30	
Tools	14.00	
Top oil	8,107.34	
Culverts	1,723.18	
Sand	34.90	
Filing fees	5.00	
Compensation Ins.	111.50	
Clerk	103.35	
Adv.	33.96	
Hired equipment	<u>3,675.00</u>	17,249.53

Chapt. 90 Const.

Filing fees		5.00
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Machinery Maintenance

Supt. salary	1,948.50	
Labor	1,940.05	
Comp. Ins.	182.79	
Telephone	283.46	
Parts and repairs	7,446.42	
Equipment Ins.	457.24	
Gas and oil	4,174.83	
Janitors supplies	129.76	
Solvent	259.72	
Licenses	3.00	
Special fuel tax	<u>130.96</u>	16,956.73

Street Lighting

Streets	2,923.80	
Phone Booth	<u>64.15</u>	2,987.95

Highways Purchases Account

Used snow plow	1,000.00	
Used compressor	300.00	
New truck	5,550.00	
Sander motor	623.35	

Radios	<u>630.00</u>	<u>8,103.35</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY		\$ 94,752.68

### Public Welfare

Veterans Benefits		
Cash, Medical, Ins.		
and groceries	7,637.85	
Veterans Service District	<u>1,253.24</u>	
TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE		8,891.09

### Schools

School Dept. Adm.		
School Committee sal.	300.00	
Supt. sal. retro.	37.77	
Supt. sal. regular	2,296.24	
Assist. Supt. sal. retro.	18.89	
Assist. Supt. sal. reg.	1,682.49	
Treasurer and Clerk	4,001.50	
Adv., dues and other	662.08	
Printing, stationery		
and postage	937.92	
Telephone	1,338.79	
Travel	847.31	
School census	107.79	
Office equipment rentals		
and repairs	445.25	
Principals Clerk salary	2,200.57	
Teachers retro. salary	1,950.51	
Teachers salaries	144,561.22	
Substitute Teachers sal.	1,850.00	
Teachers aides and		
Perc. Hand. Tutors	14,805.26	
Text books	3,970.22	
Teaching supplies	7,451.44	
N.D.E.A. Title III	49.88	
E.S.E.A. Title II	377.94	
Personal training	368.66	
Special education tuition	1,799.45	
Vocational tuition	407.06	
Psychological service	519.40	

Tantasqua R. H. S.	270,228.05
Tantasqua transportation	26,983.45
Elementary trans.	20,281.00
Vocational trans.	453.00
Special education trans.	4,512.18
Janitors serv. elementary	12,388.42
Janitors serv. H. S. office	66.31
Fuel	5,009.90
Light	7,546.89
Equipment repairs	1,909.71
Maint. of grounds	111.00
Repairs and maint. of buildings	4,748.32
Janitors supplies	2,018.93
Athletic supplies	142.43
Recreation Director sal.	198.00
Furn. and fixtures	395.85
Office rent	265.18
Graduation expense	234.83
Insurance	13.86
Physician	584.32
Nurse	2,667.26
Nurses aide	381.79
Medical supplies	107.09
Hospital service	<u>60.00</u>

554,295.42

#### New School Addition

Equipment and supplies	9,254.13
Audio and visual equip.	2,603.55
Water equipment and sup.	6,830.00
Teaching supplies	87.65
Contractor	33,232.35
Architect	2,546.46
Plans	<u>1,737.04</u>

56,291.18

#### School Lunch

Salaries and wages	6,313.20
Food	7,452.25
Other	<u>806.30</u>

14,571.75

#### Grammar School Well Digging Account

Highway Supt.	117.00
Highway labor	92.50
Comp. Ins.	8.53

Truck rentals	183.20	
Hired equip. & materials	<u>1,696.48</u>	
		<u>2,097.71</u>
TOTAL SCHOOLS		\$ 627,256.06

### Libraries

Library		
Librarian salary	1,800.00	
Assistants salary	268.29	
Janitor salary	500.00	
Books	1,196.21	
Periodicals	35.75	
Fuel	643.12	
Light	262.63	
Repairs building	869.54	
Furniture	34.55	
Care of grounds	173.08	
Janitors supplies	14.61	
Printing, stationery and postage	123.86	
Telephone	127.50	
Travel	23.00	
Plaque	5.30	
Dues	5.00	
Equipment repairs	<u>19.20</u>	
TOTAL LIBRARY		6,101.64

### Recreation

Town Common		
Supervision, labor and trucking		779.27
Recreation Committee		
Swimming program	255.00	
Insurance	56.00	
New equipment	<u>189.00</u>	
		<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL RECREATION		\$ 1,279.27

### Unclassified

Memorial Day		434.97
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Town Reports	994.50
Property insurance	4,313.05
Workmens Comp.	1,975.00
Conservation Commission	28.22
Group Insurance Chapt. 32B Life & Hospital	<u>3,688.93</u>
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	11,434.07

#### Enterprise & Cemeteries

##### Cemetery Dept.

Committee salary	241.67
Supervision and labor	1,306.70
New equipment	1,026.54
Stationery and postage	14.89
Gas and oil	50.93
Parts and repairs	<u>123.53</u>

TOTAL CEMETERY	2,764.26
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#### Interest and Maturing Debt

##### Interest

On Treasury bills 1971	420.00
On temporary loans	3,908.44
On school bond loan	<u>37,950.00</u>

TOTAL INTEREST	42,278.44
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#### Municipal Indebtedness

Temporary loan anticipation of revenue	\$200,000.00
Temporary loan new school anticipation of revenue	99,525.00
State and County assessments	
County retirement system	2,860.62
County tax assessment	18,312.46
Pioneer Valley pollution control	156.09

State recreation areas	3,589.63
M.V. excise bills	226.35
State Assessment system	<u>76.28</u>

TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	324,746.43
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### Agency Trust and Investment

#### Agency

Federal W.H. taxes	30,472.98
Mass.W.H. taxes	10,020.97
County retirement	2,368.29
Dog licenses for County	1,113.10
Cemetery perpetual care fund	1,537.95
Group Ins.Chapt.32B life & health W.H.	3,688.93
Group Ins.Chapt.32B life & health E.E.A.	<u>390.46</u>

TOTAL AGENCY	49,592.68
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### Refunds and Transfers

#### Refunds

Taxes	734.10
M.V. excise	1,788.69
Perpetual Care Fund	132.11
Group insurance	<u>24.03</u>

TOTAL REFUNDS	<u>2,678.93</u>
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$1,219,710.60
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CASH REGULAR ACCOUNT  
DECEMBER 31, 1972

<u>111,161.36</u>
1,330,871.96

CASH SAVINGS BANK FEDERAL  
REVENUE DECEMBER 31, 1972

<u>24,608.00</u>
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TOTAL	\$1,355,479.96
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Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Dmuchovsky,  
Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Cash		\$111,161.36	Temporary Loans		
Cash Special Account Savings Bank		24,608.00	Anticipation of Highway Reimbursements	\$	45,600.00
Accounts Receivable			Net Fixed & Funded Debt Loan Inside Debt Limit		10,120.00
Taxes:			Assessors Map		
Levy of 1967	\$	1.56	Net Fixed & Funded Debt Outside Limit		670,000.00
Real Estate			New School Addition and Alterations		
Levy of 1969		16.32	Balance Notes or Bonds Authorized and Unissued		
Real Estate		68.00	New School Addition and Alterations		4,243.09
Personal Property			to be rescinded March 1973		
Levy of 1970		73.64	Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus		11,480.73
Real Estate		47.60			
Personal Property			Overlays Reserved for Abatements	\$	
Levy of 1971		677.25	Levy of 1969		84.32
Real Estate		147.42	Levy of 1970		121.24
Personal Property			Levy of 1971		824.67
Levy of 1972		22,672.46	Levy of 1972		<u>3,451.02</u>
Real Estate		<u>683.86</u>			4,481.25
Personal Property			Revenue Reserved - Until Collected		
			Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	11,931.06	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise		44.55	Farm Animal Excise	11.22	
Levy of 1968		251.64	Tax Title & Possessions	29,129.40	
Levy of 1969		460.17	Departmental	1,083.77	
Levy of 1970		2,092.23	Aid to Highways	<u>32,574.55</u>	74,730.00
Levy of 1971		<u>9,082.47</u>			
Levy of 1972			Accounts Reserved Until Projects Completed		
			Assessors Maps Account	1,735.00	
Farm Animal Excise			Town Garage & Fire Station Ad.	<u>3,002.08</u>	4,737.08
Levy of 1970					

Tax Titles & Possessions:					
Tax Titles		28,608.43		Highways Funds Reserved	
Tax Possessions		<u>520.97</u>	29,129.40	until Completed	
				Chapter 768 Highway	3,662.12
Departmental				Improvement Fund	
Dog Warden Service		66.00		1970 Chapter 90 Maint.	200.00
General Relief		41.43		Boundry Pins	5,495.00
Veterans' Benefits		<u>976.34</u>	1,083.77	1972 Chapter 90 Const.	
				Reserved for Machinery Maint.Acct.	
Aid to Highways				Machinery Fund	11,206.26
State		21,324.55		Sander Motor Purchase Acct.	326.65
County		<u>11,250.00</u>	32,574.55	Radio Purchase Acct.	<u>370.00</u>
					21,260.03
Unprovided for or				School Accounts Reserved	
Overdrawn Accounts				New School Addition Account	6,113.79
Underestimated Assessments				Grammar School Well	
1967 Overlay		42.12		Digging Acct.	1,478.94
1968 Overlay		<u>52.52</u>	94.64	Fed. N.D.E.A. Title III Acct.	1,567.84
				Fed. E.S.E.A. Title II Acct.	<u>16.83</u>
					9,177.40
Highways					
Prepaid by Brimfield				Libraries Non-Approp.	
To be reimbursed by State				M. Sherman Library Room	170.42
and County				Fund (Gift)	
1972 Chapter 81 Maint.		4,556.29			
1972 Chapter 90 Maint.		<u>11,499.53</u>	16,055.82	Recreation and Unclassified	
				Non-Approp.	
Machinery Maint. Acct.				Compensation Insurance Fund	1,483.68
Non Approp.					
Transfer to be provided				Enterprise & Cemeteries	
from Mach. Fund)			11,206.26	Sale of Cemetery Lots	110.00
Chapt. 32B Group Ins.				Misc. Reserve Accounts	91.33
Accounts Receivable				Tailings	
City of Holvoke E.E.A.			44.07	Unidentified Receipts Former	345.57
				Collector	<u>32.46</u>
Lower Pioneer Valley Air				Sales in Excise of Tax Titles	469.36
Pollution Control			5.01		



Net Fixed & Funded Debt			
Inside Debt Limit			
Assessors Maps	10,120.00		542.61
			<u>658.37</u>
			1,200.98
Net Fixed & Funded Debt			
Outside Debt Limit			
New School Addition and Alterations	670,000.00		33,066.55
			<u>29,717.79</u>
			62,784.34
Bal. Notes or Bonds Authorized Outside			
Debt Limit			
New School Addition and Alteration	<u>4,243.09</u>		922,048.36
			<u>24,608.00</u>
TOTAL	\$946,656.36		\$ 946,656.36
General Account	922,048.36		
Federal Fund	<u>24,608.00</u>		
	\$946,656.36		

1972 Appropriation Departmental Account Balances, December 31, 1972

<u>Account</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Transfer &amp; Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Moderator	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00
Selectmen Salary	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,800.00	
Expense	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,104.56	95.44
Accountant Salary	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	
Expense	200.00		200.00	126.47	73.53
Treasurer Salary	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Expense	530.00	\$ 300.00	830.00	695.41	134.59
Tax Collector Salary	750.00		750.00	750.00	
Expense	1,150.00		1,150.00	1,108.15	41.85
Assessors Salary	1,750.00		1,750.00	1,750.00	
Expense	665.00		665.00	663.95	1.05
Certifying Notes	30.00		30.00	17.00	13.00
Finance Committee Salary	75.00		75.00	75.00	
Expense	75.00		75.00	27.84	47.16
Town Counsel	400.00		400.00	400.00	
Legal Fees and Expense	100.00	650.00	750.00	750.00	
Town Clerk Salary	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Expense	400.00	22.42	422.42	422.42	
Election and Registration	1,815.00		1,815.00	1,583.56	231.44
Planning Board	325.00		325.00	128.10	196.90
Zoning Board of Appeals	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Town Hall Salary	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Expense	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,441.49	58.51
Town Hall Parking Lot	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,999.75	.25
Town Garage and Fire Station	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,965.39	34.61
Town Garage Addition	5,500.00		5,500.00	2,497.92	3,002.08
Police Department	1,000.00		1,000.00	999.87	.13
Fire Department Salary	350.00		350.00	350.00	
Expense	6,145.00		6,145.00	5,156.56	988.44
Dog Warden Service	600.00	330.00	930.00	930.00	
Constables Expense	200.00		200.00	200.00	

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Transfer &amp; Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Civil Defense Salary	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Expense	200.00	Fed.Bal. 128.07	328.07	164.31	163.76
Tree Warden Salary	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Expense	400.00		400.00	400.00	
Insect Pest Control	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Building Inspector	50.00		50.00	46.00	4.00
Health and Sanitation	5,675.00		5,675.00	3,640.70	
General Highways	21,000.00	1,741.00	22,741.00	22,741.00	2,034.30
Unpaved Roads	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,999.58	.42
Sherman Lake Snow Removal	350.00		350.00	350.00	
Town Sidewalks	700.00		700.00	692.94	7.06
Chapt. 81 Maint.	2,560.00		2,560.00	2,542.00	18.00
Chapt. 90 Maint.	5,750.00		5,750.00	5,750.00	
Chapt. 90 Const.	5,500.00		5,500.00	5.00	5,495.00
Street Lighting	2,767.00	220.95	2,987.95	2,987.95	
Sander Motor Purchase	950.00		950.00	623.35	326.65
Radio Purchase	1,000.00		1,000.00	630.00	370.00
Veterans' Benefits	4,500.00	3,137.85	7,637.85	7,637.85	
School Department	301,412.52	42.79	301,455.31	281,632.38	
Tantasqua Regional High School	270,228.05		270,228.05	270,228.05	19,822.93
School Lunch		552.80	552.80	552.80	
Library Salary	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,300.00	
Expense	2,325.00	1,948.99	4,273.99	3,801.64	472.35
Common	900.00		900.00	779.27	120.73
Recreation Committee	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Conservation Commission	100.00		100.00	28.22	71.78
Memorial Day	500.00		500.00	434.97	65.03
Town Reports	998.28		998.28	994.50	3.78
Property Insurance	6,000.00	21.75	6,021.75	4,313.05	1,708.70
Reserve Fund	10,000.00		10,000.00	8,952.86	1,047.14

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>&amp; Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Cemetery Dept. Salary Expense	300.00		300.00	241.67	58.33
School Well Digging	2,200.00	322.59	2,522.59	2,522.59	
Interest Account		3,576.65	3,576.65	2,097.71	1,478.94
Chapt. 32B Group Ins.	42,000.00	226.13	42,226.13	41,858.44	367.69
County Retirement System	3,000.00	688.93	3,688.93	3,688.93	
	<u>2,860.62</u>		<u>2,860.62</u>	<u>2,860.62</u>	
TOTALS	\$735,936.47	\$13,910.92*	\$749,847.39	\$711,266.82	\$ 38,580.57
*Overlay Surplus	\$ 3,500.00				
Reserve Fund	8,952.86				
Other Income	<u>1,458.06</u>				
	\$ 13,910.92				



## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the year of 1972 the Planning Board has worked on the preparation of an article to allow zoning changes for multiple dwellings and studied several proposals for an Industrial Zone in Town. Neither of these articles have been finalized.

The Board has acted upon 26 subdivisions.

The Board will meet in the basement of the Town Hall at eight o'clock in the evening on the third Wednesday of each month. It is at these meetings that all subdivision plans will be acted upon. Please submit them in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Christo,  
Chairman  
William Gindele  
Clerk  
Edward Killian  
Edwin Noga  
William Roberts

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Fall inspection and creosoting of Gypsy Moth clusters has been completed. Very few clusters were found with the exception of a small area on the Haynes Hill Road, near the Wales town line. This area was heavily infested and will be watched carefully to prevent its spread.

The removal of diseased elms has been continued with the end not yet visible, nor has help in the form of a tree removal crew from the State been heard from.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Killian  
Superintendent of  
Insect Pest Control

## REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board held three hearings and rendered unanimous decisions as follows:

1. On the appeal of Mary Thompson, Old Palmer Road, the decision of the Building Inspector was reversed to allow the conversion of a mobile home to a conforming one-family detached dwelling.
2. On the petition of Walter Pleu, E. Brimfield-Holland Road, a special permit for a family camping grounds was granted with safeguards to protect abutters and the town.
3. On the petition of Lee Goodspeed, Cubles Drive, a variance was granted to permit the construction of a garage on a lot with insufficient frontage. A variance to build the garage within seven feet of a property line was denied.

Walter Pleu has filed a bill in equity in Superior Court, alleging that the Board exceeded its authority. Town Counsel advises us that in his opinion we did not, and that if the case comes to judgment, the Board will be sustained.

During its four years of existence, the Board has deliberately adopted a policy of being extremely careful not to exceed its authority, not to "bend" the law, and not to perform questionable "favors". The result has been that the Board has never been in court before, while Boards of Appeals in most other towns are constantly in court.

As a property owner in Brimfield, you are entitled to a hearing before this Board when:

1. The Building Inspector has made an error in his decision in refusing you a permit, or
2. You want an exception (specially permitted use) to the law for one of the uses listed in the law as grantable only after a finding that there would be no detriment to the neighborhood and town, or
3. You believe you qualify for a legal violation (variance). Some of the requirements for a legal violation are that

there are almost unique conditions about your property, that these conditions relate to the land and not the owner, that these conditions are the cause of a hardship (financial or otherwise), and that the granting of a variance would not be harmful to the public good or derogate the intent and purpose of the zoning law. The courts have held that the loss of a potential profit is not a hardship.

Application forms for a hearing, with instructions for filling them out, may be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore W. Skowyra,  
Chairman

Wayne D. Barr

Lester E. Dutka

George Gross (Assoc.)

Stanley Bidga (Assoc.)

DID YOU KNOW...

that Brimfield was originally bounded by Sturbridge and Springfield on the east and west, the Quaboag and Chicopee rivers on the north, and the Connecticut line on the south?

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

In March of 1972 I was appointed Building Inspector. I knew I had a lot to learn, since I was not too familiar with the zoning by-laws at the time. Nevertheless, I overcame a few mistakes. People have been quite co-operative most of the time.

I have issued 65 building permits of which 15 were for new homes. Eleven permits were rejected for various reasons. The balance were mostly for additions to houses, sheds and garages.

I would like to remind all the residents of Brimfield who intend to build, to obtain a building permit, for which there is no cost.

The office of the Building Inspector, in the Town Hall basement, rear room, is open Monday nights from 7:15 P.M. to 8:15 P.M. for any discussion or presentation of applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter L. Koslowski,  
Building Inspector  
(Zoning Officer)

DID YOU KNOW...

that early officers of the town included a  
a measurer of hemp and flax?



## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In its third year of operation your Conservation Commission has done all in its power to acquire the tracts of land promised to the Town. The matter has been placed in the hands of the Town Counsel to expedite the proceedings. A favorable outcome is expected in the near future.

Our primary activity outside of land acquisition has been attending meetings and obtaining information concerning the proper development of wetlands under the Hatch Act. A very interesting and informative meeting was attended at the Hampden County Extension Office in West Springfield regarding the new ramifications of this act. We have investigated one case to which this act applies and found that all requirements had been met.

An authority on Ford Foundation grants visited us one evening to specify areas under which monies could be realized for town use. The Commission learned that a "master plan" of the town would strengthen our eligibility for funds; however, the formulation of such a plan is a great expense in itself. For this reason we have decided to look for funds from outside sources.

We attended three regional meetings to gain facts concerning land acquisition and development in neighboring towns by outside interests. It was brought out at these meetings that strong zoning laws are the citizens best protection against impractical and disorderly development. Brimfield was cited as a town temporarily spared overdevelopment because its citizens had the insight to initiate such laws.

In our endeavours we have received the full cooperation of residents, town officials, and State agencies. We especially would like to thank the Selectmen for providing us with an office in the Town Hall from which we can operate.

We would like to take this opportunity to appeal to your belief in the future of Brimfield. The tremendous challenge before us to preserve the character of our town cannot be met alone by five appointed people. Your Conservation Commission will always need your support and help in planning the wise growth of our town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brimfield Conservation Commission

## REPORT OF THE BRIMFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The vote of the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1972, created an Historical Commission in Brimfield. As soon as its first members were appointed by the Selectmen, the necessary steps were taken to organize the Commission in accordance with Massachusetts State Law, Chapter 40, Section 8 D, of the General Laws, which governs all phases of the establishment of Historical Commissions.

The need for more voting members in the Commission became apparent in these organization sessions. Three members allows for no absences at meetings, and the volume of work requires a broader member base. Consequently the request for two additional members will be brought to the town at the 1973 Annual Town Meeting.

During the past year, regular monthly meetings have been devoted to the preparation and execution of the mandatory duties of an historical commission. These duties include: Research. Conducting "researches for places of historic value" which will evolve the "compliance and maintenance of an inventory of the historic assets of the town." Co-ordination of "the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes." Records. The Commission must keep accurate records of its meeting and actions and make an annual report to the town.

Along with Mr. Arnold Berke, Historical Planner, of the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission, a day-long survey of the town was conducted, during which approximately seventy-five houses built prior to 1850 were given cursory architectural analysis.

In addition, plans are well underway to catalogue the historical resources of the entire town which includes historically, architecturally, archaeologically, or culturally significant buildings, burial grounds, sites, and monuments, for registry with the state and federal government. Interested and knowledgable members of the community have volunteered their help to the Commission in this work and are now undergoing specific training in architectural analysis of Brimfield style homes. Mapping and photographic work scheduled to begin in the spring will help complete the survey.

The Commission's particular thanks goes to the Brimfield

Historical Society for their continued interest and support in our efforts, and to the Conservation Commission for their eager co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard N. Raymond  
Chairman

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

The past year was entirely normal with respect to the maintenance of the Cemetery and the general business of the Commissioners. The cost of grave openings and foundation work exceeded estimates and necessitated requesting a small amount of additional money from the Finance Committee. All of this additional expense is reimbursed and paid over to the Treasurer. However, it is lost to the Commissioners.

On May 1st. Mr. James A. Adams, Sr. submitted his resignation as a Commissioner. Mr. Adams had been acting for the Commission in overseeing the day to day work in the Cemetery and felt there could be a conflict of interest involved. At the request of the two remaining Commissioners, he has continued to supervise the Cemetery operations including the very vital statistical records. His efforts on behalf of the Town for the past several years is very greatly appreciated.

Our budget estimate for the full year 1973 and the first six months of 1974 is normal and in line with previous years.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners

George L. Gregory,  
Chairman  
Everett D. Landen



## REPORT OF THE BRIMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Board of Selectmen  
Brimfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my fifth annual report as Librarian of the  
Brimfield Public Library.

During 1972 a total of 2993 people came to the Library to borrow books, magazines and records and the total circulation of these three items was 8573. 251 new books were added to our permanent collection while 184 were borrowed from the Bookmobile to be placed on our shelves and used for as long as we wish.

The Bookmobile service from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library is a great boon to the smaller library in that we are able to supplement our own collection at no additional expense. Besides regular books, the Bookmobile offers a great variety of the large print books which are such a great aid to people whose sight prevents them from reading regular print. It also offers records of all kinds.

Through our affiliation with the Central Massachusetts Library System, your Librarian also is able to borrow specific titles for a limited length of time to fulfill any requests by borrowers for books not available at the library. During 1972 I borrowed 55 books this way. Films too may be borrowed by groups at no charge and in the past year 15 films were used in this way.

The record collection continues to be popular with our borrowers especially since we now have added many albums of the groups and musicians popular with the teen-agers. We also have a good collection of children's records.

There is at the Library a great deal of information on the "talking books" used with such pleasure by blind or otherwise handicapped people. If anyone is interested in finding out about this wonderful service, please come to the Library and I will try to help you.

In 1972 the walls and ceiling of the stack room were paint-



ed and the entire floor was well scrubbed, sealed and waxed. These two improvements have done a great deal to lighten and brighten the rooms and make them more attractive.

We are once again indebted to the Garden Club for the beautiful wreath given to the Library each year at Christmas.

The Sherman Room continues to be used for genealogical and historical reference, not only by Brimfield residents, but also by people from a distance who have some ancestral connection with the town. Of particular interest during the past year was a Mrs. Elizabeth Yeargin whose family helped to found Brimfield, Ohio and who is a direct descendent of Elias Carter, the famous architect. Mrs. Yeargin and her husband spent several weeks vacation in New England locating and photographing churches and homes built by her ancestor, and they generously donated research notes and photographs to the Sherman Room collection. The career of Elias Carter and especially his connection with Brimfield and neighboring towns will be the subject of a spring meeting of the Historical Society.

The Sherman Room also has been the recipient of a gift of a set of doll's furniture and tea set dating to about 1890, and two large stone jugs. These items were given by Mrs. Harriet Day Parker of Amherst, Mass. and Mrs. Gladys Day Deland of Tower Hill, Brimfield. They have been on display in the Sherman Room for some time on a loan basis, and we are grateful to Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Deland for making them a part of our permanent collection.

The Library hours are -- Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1:30 to 5:30 and 7:30 to 9:00; Thursdays, 1:30 to 5:30. There is a telephone -- 245-3518 -- so you may call to ask for information or to renew books. Please note too that there is a book slot in the front door through which you may return books if the Library is not open at your convenience.

I want to express my thanks to my assistant, Miss Ellen Jane Perrow who stands ready to take my place (sometimes on very short notice!) when I have to be away from the Library, and to Miss Janet Robertson, my faithful part-time helper who shelves the returned books and processes new ones.

My appreciation goes also to the Board of Library Trustees

who give time and effort to the administration of the Library and give me help and encouragement in many ways.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet J. Brown  
Mrs. Richard J. Brown  
Librarian

### REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

Board of Selectmen  
Brimfield, Mass.

During the year, I have picked up and confined at my home for the required number of days 42 dogs and disposed of 46. Four dogs were hit by cars.

I have investigated 45 complaints. Ten dogs had bitten 3 adults and 7 children. 35 involved complaints of dogs digging up shrubbery, barking at nighttime, upsetting garbage containers, a dog caught in a fence, dogs chasing children on bicycles, and killing animals - cats, calves and cows.

Picking up cats or animal carcasses is not the duty of the Dog Officer.

Arthur J. Moreau  
Dog Officer

**REPORT OF  
TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE**

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth-Chapter 128- The Trustees For County Cooperative Extension Service are empowered to receive, on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward helping to solve management problems, better living and better community service and have been ably assisted by hundreds of local volunteer leaders to this end.

A total expense of none was incurred during the year for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects by the local leaders. The appropriation made by your town was used for only residents of the town.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1972 Appropriation	none
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Total Expenditures in 1972	none
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Recommended Appropriation for 18 months: none

<u>Jan.-June 1973</u>	<u>July-Dec. 1973</u>	<u>Jan.-June 1974</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

Trustees for County  
Cooperative Extension Service

Walter Melnick, Clerk



# REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The year 1972 was another busy year for the police department. Routine patrols were made, special assignments carried out and searches conducted.

The police officers weekly duties included church services, special meetings, hearings, town meetings, funerals, fires and special gatherings and also the caucus and town election, and traffic duty for the Board of Health. Special gatherings were as follows:

Memorial Day May 28, 1972  
Holidays - July 4th, Sept. 4th and Oct. 28-31  
Search for a missing boy.

Compensation for the above duties was made by private individuals and by the Town of Brimfield. A total of 8950 miles was traveled and the hours of duty were 2870.

The following is a detailed list of activities for the year:

Citations issued -

72 warnings (speeding, no registration in possession, no license in possession, failure to keep within marked lines, failure to use caution turning, no valid inspection sticker, and license violation of no corrective lenses).

21 complaints (speeding, no current and valid inspection sticker, unregistered, uninsured, attaching improper plates, operating after suspension of license, failure to display number plate, obscured vision, no license in possession, defective equipment, red light violation).

One arrest - operating erratically, operating without license.

12 defective equipment tags.

Investigations - 2 vehicle accidents

1 vehicle property damage (State Police assist)

1 pedestrian accident (with State Police)

11 vehicle accidents (with State Police)

2 vehicle accidents - hit and run - (with State Police)

### Complaints received and investigated:

Prowler	3	Trespassing	1
Speeding	4	Theft of money	2



Stolen sign	1	Malicious damage	12
Vehicle causing property damage	2	Abandoned vehicles	1
Suspicious persons	10	Dogs/cats abandoned or killed	3
Dogs injured	2	Discharge firearms on Sunday	1
Breaking and entering	4	Check building and premises	2
Discard of suspicious articles	1	Illegal trailers	2
Miscellaneous	4	Stolen bicycle	1
Lost dogs	3	Disturbances	4
Stolen articles	12	Theft of horse	1
Illegal parking and impeding snow plowing	4	Personal assault	1
Dogs in well/pond	2	Suspicious vehicles	8
Lost boys	3	Dog nuisance	4
Littering	3	Other animals	2
Sale of cigarettes to minors	1	Stolen vehicles	1
		Illegal operation of flea markets	2
		Disturbing children	1
		Open well	1
Other activities:			
Assist at fires	4	Vehicle fires	2
Check Sunday use of firearms	1	Assist other local departments	3
Assist fire department	6	Assist ambulance	7
Illegal burning	1	No vendors permit	1
Patrol - wind storm	1	Check burglar system	1
Court action - stolen merchandise	1	Check VIN for Reg.	7
Articles found	1	Check unoccupied houses	16
Assist motorists	2	Check recreation vehicles	2
Assist individuals	2	Suspicious persons	14
Suspicious vehicles	12	Fingerprinting	1
Vehicle checks	32	Check open liquor establishments	1
Abandoned vehicles	2	Check guns in vehicle	1
Check suspicious actions	1		
Messages received:			
Police	6	Individuals or businesses	7
State Board of Health	1	Department of Public Works	1
Report requests from insurance company - accident	6	Requests from news media	1
- theft	3		

Character inquiries		Registry assistance	
College	1	License check and	
Business	4	certified copy of	
		suspension	1
		Check on registration	1

#### Assists to or by State Police:

Discharging firearms	1	Unregistered vehicles	1
Arrest, B&E in progress	1	Vehicles racing	2
Breaking and entering	12	Info. from S.P.	3
Relay messages	9	Disturbances	3
Misc. thefts	16	Runaways	2
Missing persons	2	Stolen vehicles	4
Persons assumed ill		Recreation vehicle	1
or injured	2	Malicious damage	9
Check on address	2	Verify revoc.to S.P.	2
Check vehicles	1	Arrest/assist by S.P.	1
Search for stolen		Theft of money	1
horse	1	Misc	2
Wanted by police	2	Arrest and court action on	
Unregistered, unins.,		B&E and trespassing	
and attach plates	1	in progress	2
Search for hit and		Road violation	1
run vehicle	2	Juvenile B and E	1
Suspicious vehicles	8	Abandoned vehicles	1
Suspicious persons	3	Close illegal operation	1
Trespassing	1	Character reference	4
Theft of firearm	1	Verified information	1
Littering	1	Missing and wanted	6
License revocation	1	License check	4
Unlicensed operator	1	Check house	6
Vehicle operator	2	Check fire	1
Drowning	1	Check sale stolen	
Assault and battery	2	merchandise	1
Vehicles no plates	3	Listing on vehicles	29

#### Assists to other police departments:

Relay messages	2	Wanted by other PD	2
Vehicle theft	1	Registry	4
Dist. Atty. and a PD		Character references	2
request for addresses	2	Abandoned vehicles	2
Assist to Clerk of		Assist FBI	1
Courts	1	Breaking and entering	1
		Theft	1

Other services:

Sunday and holiday permits	3	Summons served	12
Pistol permits	39	Arrest warrant served	1
Number of accidents	24	Revocations from Registry	16
Number of accident reports	26	Number of vehicles inv.	40
Firearms ID's	10	Cases referred to Registry	1
Reinstatement of registrations	9	Military Serv.Rep.Req.	2
Check vehicle title law	1	Alien firearm ID issued by Dept. of Public Safety	1

Operators of recreational vehicles should know and observe the rules and regulations governing their vehicle. Permission MUST be obtained from property owners previous to using said property.

A note of thanks is given to the two Brimfield residents who assisted in two arrests.

To the Brimfield Fire Department a "thank you" for your assistance in the search for a missing boy.

Please notify the Brimfield Police Department or the State Police, IMMEDIATELY, regarding any incident of a suspicious nature. We would like to thank the citizens of Brimfield for their cooperation throughout the year and enlist their support in the prevention of accidents and crime.

The cooperation received from the Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, city and town police departments has been of great assistance to the Brimfield Police Department.

To the Brimfield Police Department, as always, your work has been well accomplished and your cooperation greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Allen  
Chief of Police



## REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Department activities for 1972 were as follows:

Grass fires	10
Brush and woodland	4
Truck and car	3
Dump	0
House	4

Again I want to inform the people that by state law no burning is permitted in Brimfield. The only permit that can be issued is for agricultural purposes.

We have added two more alerters to our system for new members. At the present time the addition to the fire station is almost completed. This addition gives us space for the ambulance and combination office and radio room. I want to thank Walter Koslowski and the rest of the EEA people for the job they have done. In the spring we hope to have an open house so that you, the taxpayers, can see where your dollars are going.

The 1927 Buffalo fire truck is still hanging on, but getting tired. It is our opinion that within the next one or two years the town should start thinking about replacement.

Again, I wish to thank the volunteer firemen for the fine job they do. Neither the townspeople or I could have an active fire department without the help and loyalty and dedication these volunteers give.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hanna  
Chief - Fire Department



## REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

I hereby submit my report for 1972 as Secretary of the Ambulance Service.

Forty-eight local calls, including accidents, and thirty-four calls from Holland and Wales were handled during 1972, involving 1542 miles travelled carrying the sick and injured, with a total of over 3000 miles over the road during the course of the year. This reflects a drop in the number of calls serviced, as well as mileage travelled.

In May of 1972, the Department purchased a brand new 1972 Chevrolet Ambulance, completely equipped with oxygen, stretchers, etc., to carry four persons. This vehicle is quite superior, both in handling and riding to the Ford Econoline previously used. We are therefore very well equipped to handle illness and emergencies throughout the area - Brimfield, Wales and Holland. This vehicle was purchased entirely with sums donated to, or earned by the Department. Not one cent of tax money was used for the purpose.

During the year the Department had no fund raising activities, other than a door-to-door canvass. The Town of Holland, and the Town of Wales are donating \$1000 each on an annual basis to cover costs of transporting patients from those towns, and residents of Holland and Wales will no longer be billed. Brimfield residents will be carried on the same basis as always.

The Department will also sponsor the regular and advanced first aid courses during the fall of 1973. Any person wishing to take the course should contact the Fire Chief, Robert L. Hanna. Women are particularly invited to participate, since so many of the men are absent at work during the daytime, and not available for the ambulance.

The Department wishes to express appreciation to all who cooperated in considering the ambulance an emergency vehicle, not to be used if a private passenger car would suffice, thus keeping the ambulance available for emer-

gencies. Clear and concise directions and guidance off the beaten path are also appreciated, as valuable time is often saved thereby. When in need of the ambulance, please call 245-7222.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Lavigne,  
Secretary

Brimfield Volunteer Fire Department  
Ambulance Service



*New Ambulance at Entrance to New Ambulance Stall*

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

During 1972 Civil Defense project papers were completed to keep Brimfield eligible for the Government Surplus Property Program. We also became eligible for a new Excess Property Program under which excess vehicles are made available to Civil Defense Agencies for the unrestricted use of the town at no cost. We hope to have a vehicle for the Highway Department or Fire Department become available in 1973.

The addition to the Fire Department included an office for the Fire Department and Civil Defense Agency which was constructed in such a way as to make Brimfield eligible for additional government assistance programs. The large C D generator was repaired and installed to give emergency power to the Fire Department and Highway Department.

A Natural Disaster Plan for the town was written and communicated to Town officials. Monthly radio checks with Sector Headquarters were also conducted.

I would like to express my appreciation to those who have been helpful in assisting me to carry out my responsibilities throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Morris  
Civil Defense Director

DID YOU KNOW...

that there has always been a Hitchcock in Brimfield? Nathaniel Hitchcock was the first settler.



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Several meetings were held with representatives of the State, Towns of Holland and Wales, regarding a regional dump. No decision has been made to date as to location, landfill, compaction or recycling, for what would be the best operation for the least cost to the towns.

Permits and licenses issued were 11 for disposal works installers, 5 for delivery of milk and oleo, 1 for rubbish collection and 7 to operate camps, trailer park and motels. Dump stickers are available from Mr. Stanton at the dump for those who need them.

The area is now realizing that we have a Visiting Nurse, Mrs. Chapman. It is projected that her visits will continue to increase. We hope that you will stay well, but she is a blessing if you need her.

We wish to thank all boards and individuals for their co-operation and help in our task of trying to conform to the laws, rules and regulations of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

Brimfield Board of Health

J. T. Steensen, Chairman

E. F. Langevin

Alice B. Matheson



## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The following is a report of recreational activities for the year 1972. Town funds supported the Boys Little League coached by Nick DeGregorio and Richard Lipschultz. Their outstanding triumph was winning over Warren. The Boys Intermediate League ages 13 - 15 was coached by Len Muska and Ed Ahern. The Girls Softball team enjoyed an outstanding winning season with their coaches Sharon Edwards and Pat Gordon. Joan Erban also coached the Elementary Girls Softball team.

With money contributed to the Steve McNamara Fund supplemented with town funds we have ordered for this spring softball and baseball jerseys for all players.

Our swimming program took place at Dean Pond during the early weeks of August. Of the 37 pupils who participated 27 were promoted to a higher level. Some of the younger children did well enough to place several levels higher in achievement. Mrs. Susan Kenworthy was the Water Safety Instructor. She was assisted by our interested youth who had passed Senior and Junior Life Saving Instruction. They were Mark Muska, Paul Ahern, Clark Hayward, David Poirier, Joan Beauchamin, Karen and Keven Ahern.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Ahern

Recreation Committee  
Members  
Leonard Muska  
Patricia Guild

DID YOU KNOW...

that the early selectmen were charged  
with the duty of procuring a minister  
and keeping him happy?

## REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Memorial Day in Brimfield without the extensive support of the Mothers' Club would be very difficult at best. Again, this year, these women made it possible for a large turnout of Elementary School children to participate in an excellent memorial to our veterans at the Town Hall. A reliable indicator of the number of children in attendance was the fact that your committee encountered a shortage of ice cream at the parade conclusion. The undersigned have taken planning action to insure that ice cream will be available for all future parade participants.

Special thanks to the following. The Boy and Girl Scouts for the clean-up job and their part in the parade. Ladies Auxiliary and Veterans organizations, especially those members who took part in the parade. Rev. Williams, for taking time from his busy schedule to be with us. Mr. Prescott, for his well received address and also Mr. Allen for assuming the chairman's responsibilities.

Mrs. Gilman has faithfully served twenty-seven years on the committee and it was through her efforts that the Town Hall was cleaned by the Youth Group of Brimfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Gendreau  
Albert Gendreau  
James Adams  
Margaret Gilman  
Theodore Skowyra

DID YOU KNOW...

that Town Meeting warrants follow the  
same form today as in 1731?

## REPORT OF THE WATER STUDY GROUP

At a special town meeting of July 17, 1972, the Town appropriated \$3,500.00 for installation of a shallow well located northwest of the Brimfield Elementary School. The well was dug in late August with piping and necessary electrical changes effected within the school prior to mid September.

In September it was found that the water pump which had been purchased in 1971 for the new school was incapable of lifting water from the shallow well. The study group members felt that any additional expenditure for replacement pumping equipment should await favorable report concerning water purity.

Between mid September and early December, six tests have been performed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Initial tests were somewhat high in iron and manganese, however, later tests show both iron and manganese at acceptable levels.

At this writing, a combination of coliform (bug count) and chloride level is delaying usage of the well. In late September, after scrubbing the inside of the well, the coliform reading was zero, however, since then it has fluctuated between eleven and five parts per million. The chloride level is acceptable, however, has fluctuated and is above the level normally found in the local area. Because of this, the Department of Public Health desires further testing prior to authorizing usage of the well.

Your study group feels that the heavy amount of rainfall during the testing period has allowed surface water to influence the test readings by heavy seepage through the construction fill and crushed stone bed. We feel that steady usage will gradually reduce these readings to those levels acceptable for school usage. Thusly, we intend in the near future to obtain replacement or additional pump equipment to permit continuous well discharge.

The supply of water from the well is outstanding. It is capable of sustaining 45 gal/min for an indefinite period.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Adams, Jr.

Chairman - Water Study Group



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

This was a relatively quiet year for the School Building Committee. We managed to stay within the original construction budget and finish up the loose ends on the punch list. Unreliable operation of the new oil burner became a major problem, however. This was eventually resolved by sealing of oil line leaks and adjustments in the draft system, the flame, and the flame detection and control systems. The total physical building facility is now well integrated and operating smoothly.

The vandal alarm and intercom system expansion into the old building was funded and completed by the Elementary School Committee. The town, feeling a need for a new well, appointed a water commission and approved funds for the development of a shallow well system. Although the hookup from the new town well to the school has been completed, problems with this source presently preclude its use. Consequently, our hookup with the old reservoir will remain in effect for the time being.

To our knowledge, all but a few minor bills have been received and paid. Final approval of the new facilities from the School Building Assistance Commission, State Department of Education is normally handled through the Superintendent's Office. This is expected later in the year. Our job is therefore complete. The entire effort spanned a five year period of hard work for the committee members, the school committee, our education administration, the teachers, town officials, and the confidence of the voters of the town of Brimfield. We can all be proud of our accomplishment and be satisfied that in this new building, our children will grow in mind and in spirit for the years to come. They are the chief beneficiaries.

Respectfully submitted,

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

William J. Hall, Chairman

John O. Curtis

William F. Whitten



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John O. Curtis, Chairman	Term expires 1975
Carl Stearns, Tantasqua Rep.	Term expires 1973
Mrs. Frances E. Tetreault	Term expires 1974

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Roland W. Wilson, Main St. Sturbridge Tel.#347-9014

### SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Mary Lou Antonovitch, R.N. Holland, Ma. #245-7737

### NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Information will be broadcast over Station WTAG, WARE, WESO and WTIC between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Transportation of pupils is provided both to the elementary school and the high school by the school committee of each town's elementary school. The decision as to whether it is safe or feasible for buses to run to the high school is made by the Superintendent of Schools.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Last Monday of each month throughout year at 7:30 p.m. at the Elementary School.

### ENTRANCE AGE OF PUPILS TO GRADE 1

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

# TANTASQUA & UNION 61 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

## 1973-74 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### September

--	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

### February

				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
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25	26	27	28	

### October

1	2	3	4	5
--	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
--	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

### March

				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

### November

			1	--
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21*	--	--
26	27	28	29	30

### April

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	--
--	--	--	--	--
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

### December

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
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### May

		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
--	28	29	30	31

### January

	--	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

### June

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25*			

\* $\frac{1}{2}$  Day

September 4	Opening Workshop and Preparation
September 5	First Full Day for Pupils
June 3	Last Full Day for Seniors
June 2	Baccalaureate
June 9	Graduation

1st Quarter	September 4 - November 9	46 days
2nd Quarter	November 12 - January 25	46 days
3rd Quarter	January 28 - April 5	45 days
4th Quarter	April 8 - June 25	50 days
		<u>187 days</u>

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT as of OCTOBER 1, 1972

<u>Grade</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>SpEd</u>	<u>Total</u>
Elementary	36	33	32	47	47	45	45	2	287
<u>Grade</u>		<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>		
Tantasqua Regional		38	34	42	32	31	31		208
Tantasqua Vocational				5	6	10	2		23
									<u>518</u>

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The past year has been a year of accomplishment for our communities. I congratulate the voters of our five towns who have moved aggressively to solve the building problems of our district.

Holland led the way with their very emphatic support of our proposed Tantasqua Junior High School. Brimfield, Brookfield and Sturbridge all voting on the same night gave their strong support. Wales voting last voted very strongly in favor with a vote of over 3-1. I congratulate you for your strong affirmative action on this proposal.

In other schools of the district, Brookfield is due to open its new addition on January first and provide kindergarten education for the first time. A fine new addition provides excellent facilities to broaden and develop the educational program for elementary students in Brookfield.

In Sturbridge a new open plan elementary school was opened this year. This exciting new concept under the direction of Mr. John Snelgrove, our new Principal, is already drawing regional and national attention. Staff members worked very hard to prepare for the opening which was smooth and very orderly. They deserve our congratulations for a job well done.

Brimfield continues to expand its program with very fine curriculum effort with Dr. Paul Krouner leading the way. Articulation of program, individualization of instruction, and integrated day programs are commonplace in the Brimfield School.

Holland under Mr. Paul Benoit, Principal, has become the small school with the giant program. Choosing time, an innovative student interest program, new reading and math programs, and individualization of instruction are prevalent.

Holland needs space to expand. Class size is a problem but more critical is the lack of space to expand the excellent educational program. Small group instructional areas are needed for the many special programs now required by state law.



Wales Elementary School is in need of space to expand its program. Vitally needed small group instruction space is a must if we are to offer programs for the perceptually handicapped, for our remedial reading program and for our Title I program tutors. Starting in September we must begin kindergarten education as required by state law. Obviously, the only space available is the already seriously crowded all purpose room. Unfortunately, we must curtail our physical education program to provide necessary space for our kindergarten students. As presently planned, kindergarten will run for two and one half hours per day for five days per week as required by law.

At Tantasqua, overcrowding has been relieved by the lease of 10 classrooms at Burgess Elementary School in Sturbridge allowing further development of new curriculum. Tantasqua continues to offer its students a very complete college program, an excellent business and work study program and a quality vocational program.

Students entering colleges do extremely well in most cases and students entering the world of work are well accepted.

Under the solid direction of Mr. Garfield Norton, Principal, Tantasqua moves quietly and efficiently toward its stated goals.

In conclusion, I should like to express my personal gratitude to the staff members of all schools for their dedication and effort, the School Committees for their constant effort and support and the voters for their confidence.

Finally, I should like to commend Miss Mary Leach, Principal of Brookfield Elementary School, who will retire this year. Miss Leach has served the students of Brookfield with warmth and dedication for 36 years. I shall miss her firm support and warm friendship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roland W. Wilson  
Superintendent of Schools

## REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Elementary level education must provide the basic building blocks for all subsequent educational experience. As citizens and taxpayers of Brimfield, we can be justifiably proud that our elementary school with its dedicated and innovative staff is striving to and succeeding in surpassing this rudimentary and mandatory goal. To stimulate and challenge the child as an individual, to guide and enrich his own particular learning experience, and, especially, to kindle a spark of pleasure and satisfaction in the attainment of knowledge and learning skills are aims manifest in the variety of programs and curricula at Brimfield's elementary school. The enlarged schoolhouse provides the forum for improved education; it is to our Principal, Dr. Paul Krouner, and his teaching staff that we and our children owe our greatest thanks for creating a school environment where fulfillment of the individual child's potential is paramount.

Parental involvement with the school and the educational process must, naturally, play a major role in advancing the child through the grades and, towards that end, further steps have been taken during the past year. We now have parent volunteers working with children at all grade levels, not only with children in small groups, but as individuals. Parent volunteers have continued to assist with the Friday afternoon "Experimerio" programs which have successfully brought new dimensions of extra curricular learning and experience to the children of grades one through six. Among the variety of activities offered during the past year have been chess, kite building, candle making, macrame, sewing, dancing, cooking for both boys and girls, guitar instructions, reading, and quiet games. The success of this program is evident from its general popularity. Clearly of value to the children, its significance is actually more far-reaching for it serves as a catalyst to draw child, teacher, and parent together on an informal basis to share with and learn from one another. Lastly, there has been a gratifying increase in the incidence of parent-teacher meetings either through individual conferences or, more formally, in groups to discuss problems of learning disability and their solution. The value of parental involvement in their child's schooling cannot be overestimated.

Other popular and worthwhile supporting activities have been the after classroom hours recreation and gymnastics



programs offered for students in grades four through six; the recreation programs are offered on Thursdays and Fridays while Monday is the day for practicing and polishing one's gymnastic skills.

It is good to report further improvement to our school building and grounds. The grading and seeding of the enlarged playground is completed. At a future time, additional ball diamonds will be laid out. We are grateful to the Selectmen and Town employee Walter Koslowski for the excellent new paint job on the trim and window sash of the older part of the schoolhouse. The public address system and vandal alarm have now been extended into all parts of the original building thus affording more efficient communication as well as enhanced protection against vandalism and burglary. In the same vein, four large mercury vapor lamps have been strategically placed around the perimeter of the building to discourage nocturnal intruders. Custodian Ed Killian is due special thanks for his summer project of painting all corridors and classrooms from floor to chalk-tray level in the new addition with a protective washable and mar resistant epoxy finish. Items of capital equipment added during the past year were six classroom book cases for the older rooms and a portable staging to make possible the replacement of electric lights in the gym/cafeteria room and stage. We are eagerly awaiting the successful completion of the new school well located near the northwest corner of the parking lot. School Committee member Carl Stearns has been serving on the water commission responsible for this important and needed project.

No new classroom teachers were appointed during this past year, but four shared instructors joined our staff: as Music Teacher, Elizabeth Wrenn; as Physical Education Teacher, Nancy Schwanda; as Special Education Teacher, Don Ottani; and as Nurse's Aid, Mary Veber. We are grateful for the continuing good services of our teachers' aids, Jean Skowyra and Elke Kretschmar, as well as for the support and efforts of our learning disability tutors, Mary Griffin, Carol Prentiss and Nancy Prescott. We also express our appreciation to the school librarian, Bunny Robertson, and to the school secretary, Joan Erban. Our custodial staff has dealt admirably with the doubled work load necessitated by an enlarged building. The following work full or part time: Ed Killian, David Killian, Madeline Boardman, Michelle Boardman and Mary Jane Casavant. Mrs. Alma Howlett and her staff, Linda Gelineau and

Sheila Weston, again deserve our appreciation and thanks for their outstanding school lunch program. As in past years, the Mothers' Club merits particular thanks for their continued support of so many school programs and activities: the book fair, class parties and field trips. With proceeds from the book fair and bake sales, they bought new climbing apparatus for the playground and new books for the library. Lastly, we owe a real debt of gratitude to our superintendent, Roland Wilson, and his colleagues, Lester Aldrich and William Utess, for their sustained support, unfailing assistance and contagious enthusiasm in helping to make this past year at Brimfield's Elementary School a successful and productive one for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Brimfield Elementary School  
Committee

John O. Curtis, Chairman  
Frances Tetreault, Secretary  
Carl J. Stearns, Tantasqua  
Representative



## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

School opened on September 6th with an enrollment of 286.

Kindergarten	35	June Poluzzi
Grade 1	34	Carole Mimeault Frances Souliere
Grade 2	33	Sharon Edwards Florence Gendreau
Grade 3	47	Harriet Lipschutz Barbara Seretta
Grade 4	47	Anne Dupont Gail Isherwood
Grade 5	45	Ann Ahern Sandra Spencer
Grade 6	45	Charles Miles Chris Schell

In addition, there are a number of special teachers and staff members:

Art	Mary Goodrich
Bus Drivers	Terry Boucher Marie DiFabio Noah Fountain Andy Gondek Ruth Morin Lil Rasys Dick Souliere
Counselor	Sheila Blair
Custodial Staff	Edward Killian Madeline Boardman Michelle Boardman Mary Jane Casavant David Killian
Instrumental Band	Vincent Mischitelli
Kitchen Staff	Alma Howlett Rose Cadieux Linda Gelineau Sheila Weston

Learning Disability

Music

Physical Education

Remedial Reading

Resource Center - Library

Coordinator

School Nurse

Nurse's Aide

Secretary

Speech Therapist

Teacher Aides

Title I Reading

Volunteer Aides

Mary Griffin

Carol Prentiss

Nancy Prescott

Elizabeth Wrenn

Nancy Schwanda

Marion Maloney

Bunny Robertson

MaryLou Antonovitch

Mary Veber

Joan Erban

Barbara Bronson

Elke Kretschmar

Jean Skowrya

Laurie Farland

Joyce Beaton

Jacqueline Birchenough

Alice Harvey

Margaret Labonte

Beverly Merriman

Robert Merriman

Marcia Nivers

The quality of a school can be measured by the degree to which it is able to individualize and personalize its curriculum. We continue to make great strides toward that goal. We recognize that children have different interests, abilities, and motivations; and therefore try to expose the children to a variety of teaching approaches and learning materials. In a rapidly changing world, we must provide a flexible school program that will prepare children for a future that will be demanding and unpredictable.

The programs that are discussed in the remainder of this report point out the wide scope of our curriculum and the extent to which individualization is being achieved.

In Remedial Reading and Title I Reading, children with reading problems receive daily individual help from reading specialists. 13 children in grades 1-4 are tutored in Remedial Reading and 10 children in grades 4-6 are tutored in Title I Reading. Both of these reading programs provide extra help in the specific area in which a child is experiencing difficulty.

The teacher aides also provide invaluable help to children

by tutoring them individually or in small groups. From 15-20 children receive this special attention and assistance each day.

We are very fortunate this year to have many additional adults helping in the classrooms. 8 Brimfield parents, 8 students from the University of Massachusetts, 2 students from Worcester State College, 2 students from Westfield State College and 2 high school students - all worked with children on a volunteer basis. This involvement has helped us to further individualize the childrens' experiences and has shown the children that many people care about them and how they learn.

The resource center continues to exceed our expectations. Children enjoy going there to read, browse, watch filmstrips, listen to stories, watch educational TV, or complete projects. It is a warm and well-equipped facility that has done a great deal to promote the enjoyment of reading and listening.

The Learning Disability Program provides an alternative learning approach for children who have average or above-average ability, but who are not achieving their academic potential due to perceptual difficulties. This program involves 3 specially trained tutors who work with 13 children individually for one hour each day. This year, the addition of a Learning Disability Coordinator, increased parent understanding and involvement, teacher workshops, and more coordination between all staff members has made us more aware of this problem and more capable of providing the much needed help to these children.

A position that is critical to any good elementary program is that of school counselor. The elementary school counselor basically provides three services. First, as a counselor, she works with students individually or in groups to identify children with problems, special needs or talents. Contact with these students is made through referrals from parents, teachers or from the students themselves. Secondly, as a consultant, she interprets student information to referral agencies in an effort to evaluate the particular problem. She assists in the testing program to enhance further understanding of the child's strengths and weaknesses. In addition, the counselor provides specialized materials for teachers to use in group guidance programs, or for students to use independently. The third



service is that of a coordinator, to maintain a close working relationship with the children and those people who act as referral sources. Through a cooperative effort, the most optimal school environment can then be provided for each child. In this way, a problem properly diagnosed on the elementary level can prevent further adjustment problems during adulthood.

The regular physical education program is aimed at providing each child with a maximum amount of physical activity and a broad basis for the more complex motor skills he will need later on in life. In the primary grades the program concentrates on the basic locomotor and manipulative skills; such as running, jumping, hopping, skipping, catching, throwing, kicking, striking, and balance and agility activities. In the intermediate grades, the program reinforces the basic movement skills and applies them to specific situations, i.e., basketball, soccer, volleyball, gymnastics, etc. Special attention is given to those children needing extra help in body management activities. These children meet in small groups once a week to work on activities that reinforce the skills and concepts presented in the regular physical education class.

The music program's primary concern is encouraging the students to participate in and seek out variety in their musical experiences. In the music classes, each student is allowed to discover, experiment, and interpret music for himself rather than follow a prescribed instruction. Hopefully most of the students will begin to regard themselves as creative musicians. In addition to the regular music program, a school chorus was organized and performed a holiday show at the Brimfield Nursing Home; and a highly entertaining winter holiday show was performed by all the grades. We also have an outstanding instrumental music program. The aims of the program are based on music appreciation for both instrumentalists and the rest of our student body. This year we have 13 beginners on various band instruments along with 8 advanced students from grades 4, 5, and 6.

The art program is composed of scheduled seasonal activities. We encourage creative art experiences that give the student a chance to understand the many varied uses of each and every art medium including paint, paper, and paste as well as scrap material from home and industry. The activities of the year were cut-outs, murals, collages,



three-dimensional paper works , clay work and paper mache . Some activities were in correlation with classroom projects and the music program .

The speech and hearing program serves all five towns in Union 61 . As a remedial rather than speech arts program , it services those children with speech defects . The children are seen either individually or in small groups depending on the severity and type of the problem . Aspects of the program are: gathering referrals , screening , diagnostic testing , therapy , and follow-through with teachers , special personnel , parents and outside agencies . Types of speech defects now being worked with are delayed speech , articulation errors , stuttering , cleft palate , and hard of hearing .

While all of these programs previously mentioned have had a positive impact on the children , the primary focus of the children's school experiences is the classroom teacher . We are very fortunate to have a dedicated staff that is warm , supportive , and skilled in helping children to learn and grow . Their hard work and sincere concern for childrens' needs have made learning a satisfying and productive experience for the children . Our ultimate goal continues to be to provide an exciting school atmosphere where children can succeed , feel good about themselves , learn to get along with others , acquire basic academic skills and develop to their full potential .

Paul Krouner ,  
Principal

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

As our population increases , so do health problems . Closer daily contact with more people increases the hazards to our own personal health .

Medical science has produced vaccines , surgical procedures , laboratory tests and other sophisticated equipment to increase our life span , but the simple acts of washing hands with soap and water after each bathroom use and before eating , and covering the nose and mouth with each sneeze or cough are still the best methods devised for preventing the spread of infectious diseases .

As of June , 1972 Smallpox vaccination was no longer required for school entrance or international travel (except to certain listed countries) . This is because it was found there were reactions from the vaccination but no cases of Smallpox for many years . Children may still be vaccinated if parents request it .

In September of 1973 it will be required by State Law that all school age children be immunized against Mumps and German Measles . This is in addition to Diphtheria , Tetanus , Whooping Cough , Polio and Regular Measles . Clinics will be conducted in the spring of 1973 offering all of these immunizations , and parents are strongly urged to take advantage of them .

Respectfully submitted

Mary Lou Antonovitch , R.N.  
School Nurse

# FINANCIAL SHEET FOR 1972

Appropriations \$301,412.52

Expenditures:

School Committee	820.98
Superintendent's Office	8,668.74

Instruction:

Principal's Salary	15,166.17
Clerical Salary	2,200.57
Principal's Office - Other Expenses	547.29
Teacher's Salaries	118,864.40
Substitute Teacher's Salaries	1,850.00
Teacher Aides Salaries	5,057.76
Penmanship Services	550.00
Supplies and Materials	5,779.76
Personnel Training and Travel	465.74
Other Expenses - Travel - Art, Etc.	295.00
Special Education Salaries (Perceptually Handicapped and Speech)	12,503.26
Textbooks	1,619.82
Library Services	244.95
Audio-Visual	1,873.36
Guidance Service - Salaries	4,572.68
Supplies and Materials - Testing	752.19
Psychological Services	974.12

Other School Services:

Adjustment Counsellor - Salaries	1,507.79
Other Expenses	49.07
Health Services	4,220.44
Pupil Transportation	42,796.00
Late Bus Transportation	4,238.45
Special Education Transportation	4,421.19
Field Trips	418.00

Operation and Maintenance of Plant:

Custodial Services - Adm. Off.	66.31
Custodial Salaries - School	12,388.42
Supplies and Materials	1,846.21
Fuel	4,932.00
Utilities - Adm. Off.	153.08
Utilities - School	8,694.99
Maintenance of Grounds	189.68

Maintenance of Building	4,679.22
Maintenance of Equipment - Adm. Off.	53.37
Maintenance of Equipment - School	2,074.12

Fixed Charges:

Rent - Adm. Off.	265.18
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Acquisition of Fixed Assets:

Equipment - Adm. Off.	2.02
NDEA	605.50
New Equipment - Library	1,502.54
Replacement of Equipment - Adm. Off.	25.22

Program with Other Districts, Regional & Private  
Schools:

Special Education Tuition	2,890.94
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	<u>763.06</u>

<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$281,589.59</u>
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<u>Unexpended Balance</u>	\$ 19,822.93
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Estimated Reimbursements:

Chapter 70	\$109,000.00
Chapter 71	30,000.00
State Wards	6,400.00
Vocational Education	1,200.00
Special Education	<u>6,700.00</u>

Total Reimbursements:	\$153,300.00
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Total Expenditures	\$281,589.59
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Less Total Reimbursement	<u>153,300.00</u>
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Cost to Taxpayer	\$128,289.59
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# SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Position	Name	Degree	Yrs. Serv. Brimfield	Total Yrs. Service
Superintendent	Roland W. Wilson	B.S. & M.Ed., Worc. St. Doct. Study, U. Conn.	5	19
Asst. Superintendent	Lester R. Aldrich	BSE, M.E., CAGS, U. Mass	3	30
Business Manager	William J. Utess	B.S., M.B.A.; Am. Int. Coll.	5	5
Principal	Paul Krouner	B.A., M.S.Ed.D.; John Hopkins U. Russell Sage Coll, Syracuse U.	2	7
Kindergarten	June Poluzzi	B.S., C.W. Post Coll., Brookville, N.Y.	1	1
Grade 1	Carole Mimeault	B.A., U. Mass.	2	2
Grade 1	Frances Souliere	B.A., M.Ed., Coll. of Our Lady of the Elms	13	18
Grade 2	Sharon A. Edwards	B.A., U. Mass.	1	1
Grade 2	Florence Gendreau	Gorham State Teachers	18	22
Grade 3	Barbara Seretta	B.S., Iowa State	1	4
Grade 3	Harriet Lipschutz	B.A., Leslie Coll. & B.U.	1	1
Grade 4	Gail Isherwood	B.S., Worcester State	2	3

Position	Name	Degree	Yr. Serv. Brimfield	Total Yrs. Service
Grade 4	Anne DuPont	B.A., Northwestern U.	3	3
Grade 5	Sandra Spencer	B.S., Bridgewater State	3	3
Grade 5	Elizabeth Ahern	B.S., Westfield State	7	7
Grade 6	Charles S. Miles	B.A., U. Mass.	1	1
Grade 6	Chris B. Schell	B.B.A., U. Mass. M.Ed., Worc. St.	2	3
Music	Elizabeth Wrenn	B.M., U. Mass.	0	0
Remedial Reading	Marion Maloney	B.S., Westfield State	15	24
Art	Mary Goodrich	B.S., U. New Hampshire	3	7
Guidance Counselor	Sheila Blair	B.S., M.Ed., U. Mass.	1	1
Physical Education	Nancy Schwanda	B.A., Skidmore; M.S., Purdue	0	5
Speech Therapist	Barbara Bronson	B.A., M.S., U. Conn. & S. Conn. State	1	11
Instrumental Teacher	Vincent Mischitelli	B.A., B.M., Assumption & Berkee School of Music	1	8
Special Education	Donald Ottani	B.A., Am. Int. Coll.	0	6
Perceptually Hand- icapped Coordinator	Norma Hancock	B.E., Plymouth Teachers Coll.	0	15

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met soon after the Annual Town Meeting and organized with

David Cheney, Chairman  
Richard Souliere, Vice-Chairman  
August DeMiranda, Secretary

During the year the following amounts were transferred from the reserve fund to the respective accounts:

Cemeteries	\$ 322.59
Dog Warden	330.00
Town Clerk	22.42
Treasurer	300.00
Group Insurance	688.93
School Lunch Account	552.80
Legal Expenses	650.00
Street Lighting	220.95
Veterans' Benefits	2,354.57
General Highways	1,741.00
Machinery Maintenance Account	<u>1,769.60</u>
	\$8,952.86

The Committee feels that the various departments have tried hard to stay within their voted budgets. Again, the largest requests for assistance came from the General Highway and Veterans' Benefits, each of which had unforeseen expenses.

As always, we emphasize the importance of each department itemizing their expenses and their spending these amounts on the items for which they asked consideration.

As in previous years, we wish to express our thanks for the cooperation given by the various departments, and we again warn the taxpayers that, with the recurring great increase in the school budgets, which are so nearly out of our control, taxes are bound to continually climb, and thus any further increases in appropriations will again make those tax bills that much higher.

Respectfully submitted, Town of Brimfield Finance Committee

David L. Cheney, Chairman  
Richard Souliere, Vice-Chairman  
August M. DeMiranda, Secretary  
Theodore Closson

Gerald A. Guild  
Jean McGann  
Leo E. Lavigne  
Eugene Roberts  
William Spooner



BUDGET FOR 1973 --- 6 MONTHS 1974

	Expended 1972	Reg. 1973	Fin. Com. Rec. 1973	Req. 6 mos. 1974	Fin. Com. Rec. 6 mo. 1974
Moderator -----	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Selectmen -----	2,857.37	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Dog Warden -----					
F.C.	930.00	900.00	900.00	450.00	450.00
Town Accountant -----	1,326.47	2,350.00	2,350.00	1,175.00	1,175.00
Treasurer -----					
F.C.	1,595.41	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,130.00	1,130.00
Tax Collector -----	1,858.15	1,951.00	1,951.00	975.00	975.00
Assessors' -----	2,362.95	3,295.00	3,295.00	1,720.00	1,720.00
Town Clerk -----					
F.C.	1,322.42	1,400.00	1,400.00	700.00	700.00
Finance Committee --	102.84	150.00	150.00	75.00	75.00
Town Counsel &					
Legal Fees --	1,150.00	750.00	750.00	375.00	375.00
Planning Board -----	128.10	284.00	284.00	142.00	142.00
Election & Registration	1,583.56	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
Town Hall -----	3,309.62	3,300.00	3,300.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Town Reports -----	994.50	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Police -----	999.87	1,100.00	1,100.00	550.00	550.00
Fire Department -----	5,156.56	6,780.00	6,780.00	3,155.00	3,155.00
Tree Warden -----	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.00	250.00
Insect Pest Control --	900.00	900.00	900.00	--	--
Civil Defense -----	164.31	428.00	428.00	102.00	102.00
General Health &					
Care of Dump -----	3,640.70	7,985.00	7,985.00	5,295.00	5,295.00
General Highways ---					
F.C.	22,741.00	22,300.00	22,300.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Chap. 81 -----	2,542.00	2,560.00	2,560.00	--	--
Chap. 90 Main. -----	5,750.00	5,750.00	5,750.00	--	--
Chap. 90 Const. -----	5.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	--	--
Street Lighting -----					
F.C.	2,987.95	3,000.00	3,000.00	--	--



Veterans' Benefits ---	4,500.00	7,637.85	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
F.C.	2,354.57	281,632.38	329,606.00	329,606.00	229,863.00	229,863.00
School, Elementary ---	301,455.31	270,228.05	311,257.72	311,257.72	209,480.06	209,480.06
Tantasqua R.H.S. ---	270,228.05	3,801.64	4,450.00	4,450.00	2,225.00	2,225.00
Library -----	4,625.00	779.27	600.00	600.00	100.00	100.00
Common -----	900.00	4,313.05	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Property Insurance ---	6,000.00	1,975.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	--	--
Workmen's Comp. Ins.	1,975.00					
Group Insurance -----	3,000.00					
F.C.	688.93	3,688.93	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Memorial Day -----	500.00	434.97	450.00	450.00	500.00	500.00
Aid to Agriculture ---	--	--	--	--	--	--
County Retirement ---	2,860.62	2,860.62	4,353.36	4,353.36	--	--
Cemeteries -----	2,500.00					
F.C.	322.59	2,822.59	1,850.00	1,850.00	850.00	850.00
Town Barn & Fire Station	2,000.00	1,965.39	2,200.00	2,200.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Recreation Committee -	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.00	250.00
Interest -----	42,000.00	41,858.44	40,500.00	40,500.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Certifying notes -----	30.00	17.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Reserve fund -----	10,000.00	8,952.86	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Zoning Bd. of Appeals	200.00	200.00	505.00	355.00	165.00	100.00
Building Inspector --	50.00	--	50.00	50.00	25.00	25.00
Conservation Com. ---	100.00	--	100.00	100.00	50.00	50.00
Constables Expense -	200.00		200.00	200.00	100.00	100.00
Unpaved Roads -----	2,000.00	200.00	--	--	--	--
Sidewalk Repair -----	700.00	1,999.58	--	--	--	--
Town Hall Parking Lot	2,000.00	692.94	--	--	--	--
Sherman Lake Snow Rem.	350.00	1,999.75	--	--	--	--
Historical Comm. ---	--	350.00	665.00	350.00	315.00	315.00
		--	100.00	50.00	50.00	25.00
		<u>\$703,944.09</u>	<u>\$803,446.08</u>	<u>\$802,935.08</u>	<u>\$520,072.06</u>	<u>\$519,982.06</u>

- F.C.

\$736,614.72  
6,110.46  
\$730,504.26

TOWN WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss.

TO THE TOWN CLERK OF BRIMFIELD, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on MONDAY, the TWELFTH day of March, 1973 at twelve (12) o'clock noon, to act on the following:

To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: A Moderator for one year; a Town Clerk for three years; a Town Treasurer for three years; a Tax Collector for three years; three Selectmen for one year each; one Assessor for three years; one School Committee member for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; one member of the Board of Health for two years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for one year; two Library Trustees for three years each; one Tree Warden for one year; one Harriet Harding Fund trustee for three years; one member of the Planning Board for five years; one member of the Planning Board for one year; one Lincoln Library Fund trustee for three years; and to vote on any question which may appear on said ballot by "yes" or "no."

The polls will open at twelve (12) o'clock noon and will close at eight (8) o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered after 7:00 P.M. on MONDAY, the FIFTH day of MARCH, 1973.

AND, you are hereby further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on MONDAY, the FIFTH day of MARCH, 1973 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following:

Article 1. To hear reports of the officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Article 2. To see what salaries the Town will allow its

officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund together with a sum of money to be raised by taxation to purchase compensation insurance for town employees for the fiscal period January 1, 1973 to June 30th, 1974.

Article 4. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund for the fiscal period January 1, 1973 to June 30th, 1974.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973 in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursements of allotments made by the State and County for highways, including bridges.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale, by posting such notice in some convenient public place of the Town, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town upon Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Selectmen, or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for Civil Defense, to be administered by the Selectmen for the fiscal period January 1, 1973 to June 30th, 1974, or take any other action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to use the \$24,608.00 received from the Federal Government from Revenue Sharing, for the purpose of lowering the 1973 Real Estate Tax Rate.



Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to use a sum received from the Federal Government in 1973 from Revenue Sharing, for the purpose of lowering the 1973 Real Estate Tax Rate.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$5750.00) for maintenance under Chapter 90, to be used with the sums allotted by the State and County for the purpose.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$5500.00) for Chapter 90 construction to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for the purpose.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account for the maintenance and care of Town Machinery for the coming year.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a 3/4 ton, 4 wheel drive Pickup Truck and plow, for the use of the highway department, and determine whether the purchase price shall be raised by taxation or appropriated from available funds, or a combination of both, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, upon sealed bid, or to trade in, the used 1966 Chevrolet Pickup truck, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new sander for the use of the highway department, and determine whether the purchase price shall be raised by taxation or appropriated from available funds, or a combination of both, or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer funds to rebuild a sander for the use of the highway department, and determine whether the funds shall be raised by taxation or appropriation from available funds, or a combination of both, or take any other action thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and ap-



appropriate a sum of money (\$1500.00) for cutting brush along town roads , or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$ ) for installation of drainage on about 800 feet of Old Palmer Road , or take any other action thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$5000.00) to extend construction of Little Alum Road, from the Dore property south to 7th street, or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$5000.00) for initial construction of Marsh Hill Road , or take any other action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to abandon to the abutting owners thereof all those tracts and parcels of land which comprise a road known as Bradway Road, approximately 1760 feet in length, and no longer used or maintained as a public road, or take any other action thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to abandon to the abutting owners thereof all those tracts and parcels of land which comprise that portion of East Hill Road, north of the Massachusetts Turnpike, approximately 500 feet in length, and no longer used or maintained as a public road, or take any other action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to abandon to the abutting owners thereof all those tracts and parcels of land which comprise that portion of Devil's Lane north of the property of Walter Burnham, Jr., approximately 1500 feet in length, and no longer used or maintained as a public road, or take any other action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$665.00 for snow removal at Sherman Lake, a private way open to the general public, or take any other action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$550.00) to replace the small door at the Town Highway Barn with a large door, or take any other action thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to improve the existing street lighting in front of the Town Hall by replacing the 7000 lumen mercury vapor light on pole #8 with a 25000 lumen sodium vapor light, and by installing a pole and 25000 lumen sodium vapor light diagonally across the street, or take any other action thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to install a pole at the rear of the town hall with a 7000 lumen light for the driveway and a 21000 lumen floodlight for the parking area, or take any other action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to create and set a salary for the Chief of Police, or take any other action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to request a hearing by the Planning Board, duly advertised in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40-A of the General Laws, to be held within forty-five days after the date of this meeting, to consider repeal of the Zoning By-Law, Article X of the Town By-laws, adopted June 19, 1968, said repeal to be voted upon at a town meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40-A, or take any other action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article XI of the Town of Brimfield By-laws, which is known as the Unregistered Motor Vehicle By-law, adopted at the Annual Town Meeting March 3, 1969 and approved by the Attorney General April 18, 1969.

Article 32. To see if the Town will accept as a gift a sum of money from the Brimfield Historical Society, if offered, to be used for the purposes set forth under the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8D, said sum to be administered and expended by the Brimfield Historical Commission.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to change the number of members on the Historical Commission of the Town of Brimfield, established under the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8D, from three to five members, with terms of three years each, except that the initial terms of the two additional members shall be one member for one year and one member for two years.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of three to study the need for a Charter Commission, or take any other action thereon.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Selectmen to print and distribute with the Town Report the latest real estate valuation and tax list available from the Board of Assessors at the time of publishing, or take any other action thereon.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, for the use of the Library, the \$1000 State Aid for the year 1972 and the \$1000 State Aid for the year 1973, to be paid to the Town by the State for the purpose.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote under Mass. General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 121, Section 26K as amended, to establish a Housing Authority for elderly only, and in that connection to make any and all determinations and declarations deemed necessary or desirable, and take any action in relation thereto.

Article 38. To see if the Town will support legislation to provide that Town Meetings, by a four-fifths vote may amend a school committee budget.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to rescind a balance of \$4,243.09 existing in the loan authorization for the Brimfield Elementary School construction voted by the town meeting on October 26, 1970 in Article 1 of such meeting.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 53-C of Chapter 44 of the General Laws which provides for the deposit and expenditure of moneys received for off-duty work details of police.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay any 1972 bills outstanding after January 10, 1973.

Article 42. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the various departments and activities of the Town, payment of debts and defraying of expenses of the ensuing



18 months, and direct how the same shall be expended.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least three public places in the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the times and place of meeting and election aforesaid.

Given under our hand this 5th day of February, 1973.

Richard C. Allen

James A. Adams, Jr.

Louis Flowers

Selectmen of  
Brimfield

A true copy, ATTEST

Juliane L. Spooner  
Town Clerk



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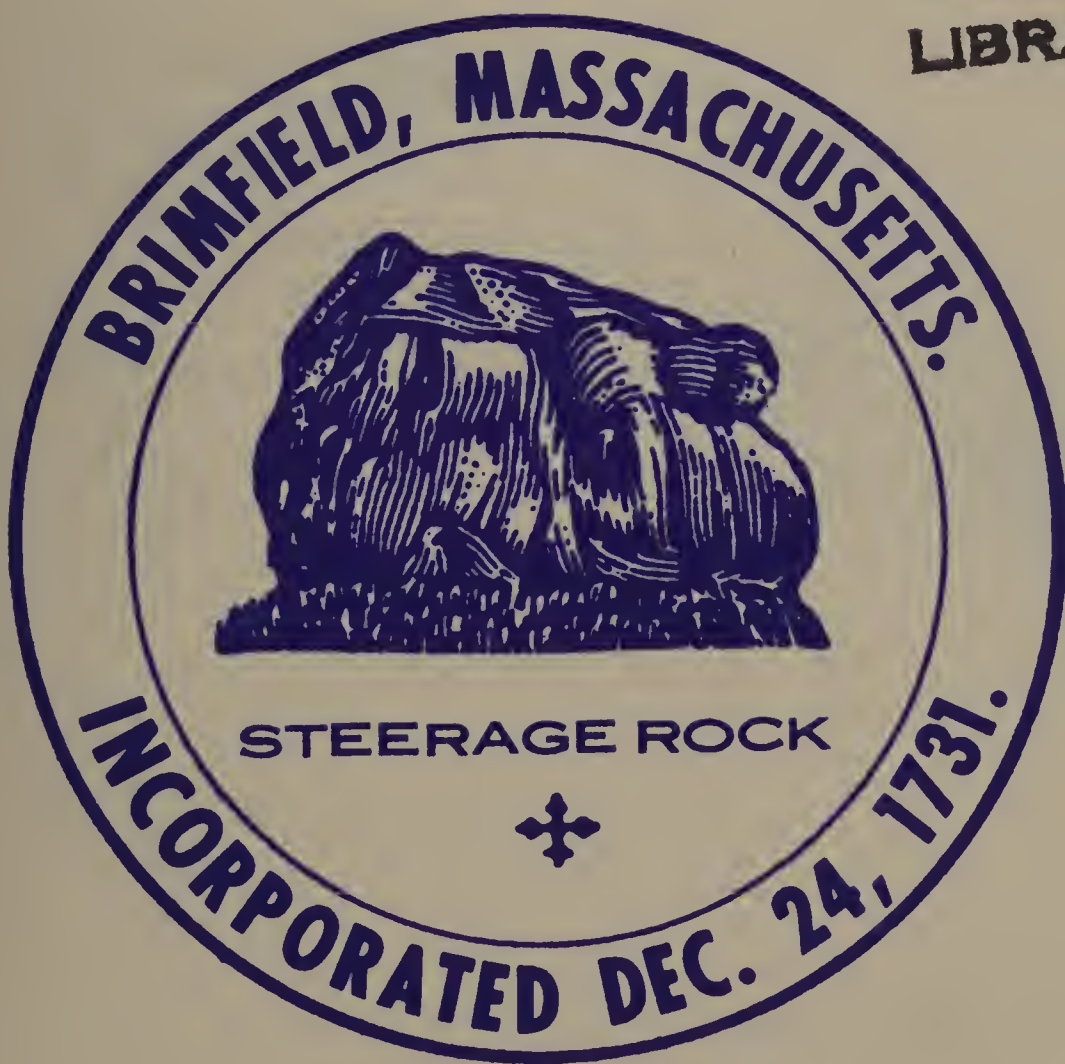
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# ANNUAL REPORT

to the

# TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

BRIMFIELD  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY



Including Receipts and Expenditures  
for the  
**Year Ending December 31, 1973**

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*Monson, Mass.*

*1974*



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **TOWN OF BRIMFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**1973**

### **FOREWORD**

The residents of Brimfield are encouraged to read, study and question this Annual Report for 1973, reflecting the activities, growth and progress of the Town. They are invited to call upon town officers and departments for any further information desired, or simply to comment on the reports.

**GOVERNMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Brimfield is included in the:**

- Second Congressional District
- Seventh Councillor District
- Worcester - Hampden - Hampshire Senatorial District
- First Hampden Representative' District

**U. S. Senators are:**

- Edward T. Kennedy, Boston
- Edward W. Brooke, Newton

**Congressman, 2nd District is:**

- Edward P. Boland, Springfield

**State Senator is:**

- Frederic W. Schlosstein, Jr., Warren

**Representative to General Court is:**

- Alexander Lolas, Monson

**County Commissioners are:**

- William F. Stapleton
- Richard S. Thomas
- Armando G. Dimauro

**Democratic Town Committee:**

- Margaret L. Gilman, Chairman
- Ann Stanley, Secretary
- Neil Haley, Treasurer

**Republican Town Committee:**

- Roderick P. Murphy, Chairman
- Nancy Prescott, Treasurer
- Patricia Guild, Secretary

Population	1949
Voters	1060
Republicans	184
Democrats	211
Independents	665

TOWN OFFICERS – 1973

	Term Expires
<i>TOWN CLERK</i>	
Juliane L. Spooner . . . . .	1976
<i>MODERATOR</i>	
Charles C. Haddock . . . . .	1974
<i>TREASURER</i>	
Clarence H. Keith . . . . .	1976
<i>TAX COLLECTOR</i>	
Barbara W. Keith . . . . .	1976
<i>SELECTMEN</i>	
Richard C. Allen, Chairman . . . . .	1974
James A. Adams, Jr. . . . .	1974
Sherwood C. Wales . . . . .	1974
<i>ASSESSORS</i>	
Andrew W. Gondek, Chairman . . . . .	1976
Charles W. Sherman . . . . .	1975
John M. Haley . . . . .	1974
<i>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</i>	
Carl L. Stearns . . . . .	1976
John O. Curtis . . . . .	1975
Frances Tetreault . . . . .	1974
<i>TANTASQUA REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE</i>	
Arnold R. Beaton . . . . .	1975
Johnstone Prescott . . . . .	1975
<i>BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH</i>	
Alice B. Matheson . . . . .	1976
Edward Clarke, Res. . . . .	1975
Dr. Bruce Kolbe, appointed to March . . . . .	1974
Theodore Steensen . . . . .	1974
<i>CEMETERY COMMISSION</i>	
George L. Gregory . . . . .	1976
Everett D. Landen . . . . .	1975
David M. H. Stanley . . . . .	1974

*LIBRARY TRUSTEES*

Phyllis Stearns . . . . .	1976
Lucius Cook . . . . .	1976
Bertha Osterheld . . . . .	1975
John O. Curtis . . . . .	1975
Lester W. Parker . . . . .	1974
Ethel E. Spooner . . . . .	1974

*TREE WARDEN*

Henry Pelletier . . . . .	1974
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*CONSTABLES*

Robert J. Cutler, Deceased . . . . .	1974
Brian N. Haley . . . . .	1974
Arthur J. Moreau . . . . .	1974
William Roberts . . . . .	1974
John H. Stanton . . . . .	1974

*TRUSTEES — HARRIET HARDING FUND*

Edward J. Killian . . . . .	1976
Neil S. Haley . . . . .	1975
Fenton A. Hastings . . . . .	1974

*PLANNING BOARD*

Arthur E. Brown . . . . .	1978
William Gindele . . . . .	1977
William Roberts . . . . .	1976
Robert Christo . . . . .	1975
Edward Killian . . . . .	1974

*TRUSTEES — LINCOLN LIBRARY FUND*

Roger W. Bennett . . . . .	1976
Lucius J. Cook . . . . .	1975
Everett D. Landen . . . . .	1974

**APPOINTIVE TOWN OFFICERS — 1973***TOWN ACCOUNTANT*

Joseph Dmuchovsky . . . . .	1975
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*CHIEF, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST WARDEN*

Robert L. Hanna . . . . .	1974
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*INSPECTOR OF BARNS AND ANIMALS*

Lyman B. Stanton . . . . .	1974
Arthur J. Moreau . . . . .	1974



*SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS*

Bernard Dupuis . . . . .	1974
Daniel Dmuchovsky, Deputy Superintendent . . . . .	1974

*SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL*

Maurice St. Clair . . . . .	1974
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*AGENT, BOARD OF HEALTH*

Lyman Stanton (for inspections) . . . . .	1974
Marylou Antonavitch, R. N. . . . .	1974

<i>VISITING NURSE</i>	
Mrs. Dorothy Chapman, Wales	Tel. 245-3389
If no answer, call	Enterprise 5041

*VETERANS' AGENT*

Richard N. Bilodeau . . . . .	1974
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*MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK*

J. Frederick Lawrence . . . . .	1974
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*DOG OFFICER*

Arthur J. Moreau . . . . .	1974
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*FIELD DRIVERS*

Brian Haley . . . . .	1974
Neil Stalker . . . . .	1974
Fenton Hastings . . . . .	1974

*FENCE VIEWERS*

Brian Haley . . . . .	1974
Franklin Smith . . . . .	1974
Neil Stalker . . . . .	1974

*TOWN COUNSEL*

Michael J. Morrill . . . . .	1974
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*FINANCE COMMITTEE*

Gerald Guild . . . . .	1976
Ann Stanley . . . . .	1976
Luther Lawrence, Resigned . . . . .	1976
Mark Connors, Appointed to March 1974	
David L. Cheney . . . . .	1975
August DeMiranda . . . . .	1975
Richard Souliere . . . . .	1975
Leo E. Lavigne . . . . .	1974
Jean McGann . . . . .	1974
Theodore Closson . . . . .	1974

*JURY LIST*

Charles L. McGann . . . . .	1975
David L. Hall . . . . .	1975
Charles Haddock . . . . .	1975
Frank J. Alberts . . . . .	1975
Kenneth M. French . . . . .	1975
Alleen B. Kettles . . . . .	1975
Dorothea Mooney . . . . .	1975
Theodore W. Skowyra . . . . .	1975
James A. Adams, Jr. . . . .	1974
Lester A. Barton . . . . .	1974
David L. Cheney . . . . .	1974
John O. Curtis . . . . .	1974
August DeMiranda . . . . .	1974
Lester E. Dutka . . . . .	1974
W. Scott Gerrish . . . . .	1974
Gerald A. Guild . . . . .	1974

(None drawn in 1973)

*REGISTRARS*

Grace Stuart . . . . .	1976
Margaret V. McIntyre . . . . .	1975
Margaret Gilman . . . . .	1974

*ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS*

Donald Moriarty . . . . .	1976
Lester Dutka . . . . .	1975
Theodore W. Skowyra . . . . .	1974

*ASSOCIATE MEMBERS*

J. Frederick Lawrence . . . . .	1975
Stanley Bigda . . . . .	1974

*BUILDING INSPECTOR AND ZONING OFFICER*

Walter L. Koslowski . . . . .	1974
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*CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR*

Richard A. Morris . . . . .	1974
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*TRI—TOWN RECREATION COMMITTEE*

Leonard Muska . . . . .	1974
Patricia Guild . . . . .	1974
Edward J. Ahern . . . . .	1974

*PLANNING BOARD — BOARD OF APPEALS*

W. Leeds Frye . . . . .	1976
Stanley Vaill . . . . .	1975
D. Walker Cheney . . . . .	1974

	Term Expires
<i>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</i>	
Elodia Lindsay . . . . .	1975
Rudolph Kazan . . . . .	1974

<i>SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE</i>	
William Hall	Robert Van Brocklyn
Frederick Prentiss	John O. Curtis
William Whitten	
Terms expire when final acceptance and report is made.	

<i>INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION</i>	
David Hall . . . . .	1978
Lester Sheldon . . . . .	1977
Nickolas DeGregorio . . . . .	1976
Thomas Sullivan . . . . .	1975
John C. Wood . . . . .	1974

<i>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</i>	
Albert Gendreau . . . . .	1976
Thorsten Anderson . . . . .	1976
Richard Erban, Resigned	
Augustus W. Nivers, Appointed . . . . .	1975
Michael Koprowski . . . . .	1975
Edward Lundrigan . . . . .	1975
Robert Martin . . . . .	1974
Joseph DiFabio . . . . .	1974

<i>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</i>	
Wildlife Inv.	Reforestation, etc.
Glenn McIntyre	Judy Sessler
Roderick Murphy	Eugene Roberts, Jr.

<i>MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE</i>	
Albert Gendreau . . . . .	1974
Florence Gendreau . . . . .	1974
Margaret Gilman . . . . .	1974
James A. Adams, Jr. . . . .	1974
Theodore W. Skowyra . . . . .	1974

<i>BY-LAW COMMITTEE</i>	
George B. Adams . . . . .	1974
Andrew W. Gondek . . . . .	1974
Everett D. Landen . . . . .	1974

<i>CARETAKER AT DUMP</i>	
Lyman Stanton . . . . .	1974

*GAS INSPECTOR*

Merritt Hyatt . . . . .	1974
R. F. D. 1, Palmer, Massachusetts	

*CARETAKER AT COMMON*

Walter L. Koslowski . . . . .	1974
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*HISTORICAL COMMISSION*

Carl Stearns . . . . .	1976
Ethel Spooner . . . . .	1975
Lester Parker . . . . .	1975
Elaine Hayes . . . . .	1974
Richard Raymond . . . . .	1976

*WATER STUDY GROUP*

Theodore Skowyra	Carl L. Stearns
James A. Adams, Jr.	Theodore Leth-Steensen
Theodore Closson	
Terms expire when final report is made.	

*FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE COMMITTEE*

James A. Adams, Jr. (Selectmen)	Robert L. Hanna (Fire Department)
Richard E. Souliere (Finance Committee)	Walter Burnham (Member-at-large)
(Theodore Skowyra (Member-at-large))	

*TOWN ADVISORY GROUP*

All Members of Conservation Commission

Sherwood Wales-Selectman	John C. Wood-Industrial Commission
Edward J. Ahern-Recreation Committee	Thomas Sullivan-Industrial Commission
Charles Sherman-Assessor	Robert Christo-Planning Board
Andrew Gondek, alternate	Theodore W. Skowyra-Zoning Board of Appeals
Charles A. Deland-Naturalist and	Stanley C. Bigda-Zoning Board of Appeals
Artist in Residence	Alice B. Matheson-Board of Public Health
Richard Raymond-Historical Commission	August DeMiranda-Finance Committee
Lester Parker-Historical Commission	David L. Cheney, alternate

Associate Members of Conservation Commission

Glenn McIntyre-Wildlife Inventory Com.	Judy Sessler-Reforestation, Tree Farm-
Roderick Murphy-Wildlife Inventory Com.	Eugene Roberts, Jr.- ing, & Recycling
	Study Com.

*ENERGY COMMISSION*

Mrs. Emilie Bagster-Collins	Ex-officio members:
Mrs. Marguerite Flowers	Richard C. Allen
W. Leeds Frye	Robert L. Hanna
George Gregory	Richard C. Morris
Charles Haddock	Richard Souliere
	Carl L. Stearns
	Theodore Steensen



## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Licenses issued for the Division of Fisheries and Game:

253 Resident Fishing	
98 Resident Hunting	
89 Resident Sporting	
42 Resident Minor Fishing	
6 Seven-day Non-Res. Fishing	
28 Non-Resident Fishing	
2 Alien Fishing	
1 Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	
3 Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	
26 Resident Sporting (Free)	
2 Resident Fishing, Blind (Free)	
1 Resident Trapping	
9 Archery Stamps	
4 Duplicate Licenses	

### DOGS LICENSED

153 Male @ \$3.00	\$459.00
35 Female @ \$6.00	210.00
90 Spayed Female @ \$3.00	270.00
6 Kennel @ \$10.00	60.00
2 Kennel @ \$25.00	50.00
1 Kennel @ \$50.00	50.00
	<u>\$1,099.00</u>

Less Clerk's fees:

287 @ 35¢	<u>100.45</u>
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Balance paid to Treasurer	\$998.55
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### BRIEF ABSTRACT OF DOG LAWS:

The owner or keeper of any dog three months old or over must have said dog licensed. Licenses are due and payable on or before March 31st of each year. Whoever violates the provisions of the dog laws shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$15.00.

Every dog, six months or older, must be inoculated with rabies vaccine, bi-annually.

BIRTHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
1973		
January		
7	John Lawrence Hastings	Jeffrey C. Hastings Janet L. LaChapelle
30	David Michael Ashford	Mark I. Ashford Lynn S. Shugart
February		
8	Joseph Ronald Mandigo	Ronald J. Mandigo Ruth H. Bryant
April		
16	Walter Stanley Livernois	Stanley J. Livernois Joanne T. Hoppe
27	John David Tavernier	Robert R. Tavernier Norma J. Gilman
May		
10	DanielleElizabeth Hull	Daniel A. Hull Judith A. Meyrick
15	Sean Caplette	David R. Caplette Patricia A. Fredette
29	Debra Louise Blanchard	Ernest P. Blanchard, Jr. Joyce A. Mahan
June		
25	Wayne A. Tetreault	Ronald A. Tetreault Mae Zagraniczny
July		
2	Daniel David Olson	David F. Olson Marcia Jean Richardson
6	Timothy Sebastian Miselis	Robert F. Miselis Nancy J. Machado
August		
30	Sheila Grace Murphy	Roderick P. Murphy Jean Marie Michaud

October		
19	Aaron John Goodwin	John Julius Goodwin Doris M. Roberge
23	Chad Allen Lussier	Wesson G. Lussier Phyllis A. Sexton
27	Tracy Ann Perry	Urban F. Perry, Jr. Cynthia M. Beausoleil
26	Wendy Ann Reed	David F. Reed Rose Ann Salvo
November		
2	Shelley Rachel Morin	Gerard J. Morin Janelle N. Odiorne
12	Tonya Lynn Olsen	Christopher J. Olsen Linda A. Nelson
21	Joseph Ernest Kozyra	Frederic A. Kozyra, Jr. Marilyn J. Gervais
22	Anne Marie Charron	David J. Charron Carolyn M. Meacham
27	Tammi Elizabeth Muller	Charles L. Muller Judith Marie Austin
December		
22	Laura Lee Morin	Edgar G. Morin Faith G. Stebbins

#### DEATHS RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>Days</u>
January				
2	Shawn Paul Lundrigan	-	-	2
11	Raymond P. Tatro	65	7	14
26	Georges J. Boudreau	90	-	-
February				
1	Francis Anthony Moore	68	2	21
April				
3	Stephen L. Lorch	22	-	-
27	George C. Hansen, Sr.	68	10	20

May					
10	Danielle E. Hull	-	-	2 hrs	
16	Roger F. Fredette	47	9	27	
28	Lemuel Victor Howlett	82	7	20	
June					
21	Malvina B. DuFresne	84	3	19	
July					
18	Edmund Stanley Parker	81	10	1	
20	Lawrence J. Paquette, Jr.	30	-	-	
August					
2	Henry Puc	90	-	-	
19	Catherine A. (Koys) Kikta	68	-	-	
31	Sheila G. Murphy	-	-	2	
September					
8	Frances (Burba) Bulewich	87	10	29	
9	Ruth N. (Hubbard) Phillips	82	5	16	
20	John Hmielowski	55	-	-	
26	Alphonse G. Potter	86	11	3	
28	Benjamin S. Westcott	67	5	29	
October					
6	Emil H. Gallant	30	9	0	
9	Stephen J. Ryan	65	-	-	
13	Charles E. Travers, Jr.	20	-	-	
15	Agnes Raquer	90	8	4	
November					
18	Arthur E. Babcock	90	0	21	
29	Robert Cutler	70	4	28	
December					
28	Charles J. Hamilton	80	4	20	

### MARRIAGES RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom and Residence</u>	<u>Bride and Residence</u>
February		
24	Kenneth M. Murray, Wales	Gail E. Sprout, Wales



March 16	Joseph A. Sherbert Brimfield	Marion E. Morrell Brimfield
17	Urban Gerard Casavant Palmer	Donna Linda Morin Monson
April 7	Louis L. Koslowski Brimfield	Jacquelyn A. Coderre Southbridge
7	Warren B. Zepp, Jr. Boylston	Ellen Ann Freeman Brimfield
28	William G. Girouard Sturbridge	Sandra Ann Carling Holland
May 13	Wilfred M. Bennett Brimfield	Sandra L. S. Corriveau Brimfield
June 11	David A. Heck Wales	Donna L. King Brimfield
July 14	Richard E. Herman Holland	Suzanne T. Gaudet Holland
28	Wayne E. Phaneuf Springfield	Carol E. S. Murphy Suffield, Conn.
28	Reginald V. Hutchins, Sr. Brimfield	Marion Y. L. Heroux Brimfield
August 11	William J. Hall Brimfield	Heather M. Jurczyk Monson
11	William J. LaPointe Brimfield	Brenda J. Cote Brimfield
18	Leon A. Jablonski North Brookfield	Patricia Carol Porter Brimfield

September

1	Donald R. Bienvenue Holyoke	Petra M. B. Greinke Brimfield
1	Yvon J. R. Pigeon Canada	Darlene M. Grandmont Brimfield
22	George D. Langlois Brimfield	Jean E. Berthiaume Southbridge

October

8	Roland C. Noel Brimfield	Patricia Macleary Brimfield
19	Urban F. Perry, Jr. Brimfield	Cynthia M. Beausoleil Indian Orchard
20	Peter Weston Brimfield	Ruth E. Batson Georgetown
27	Gerald P. Chartier Sturbridge	Donna M. DiPaola Holland
27	Charles E. Babbitt Fabyan, Conn.	Bonita M. Goodspeed Brimfield

November

24	Ronald R. Raymond Palmer	Mary J. L. Casavant Brimfield
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December

22	Paul W. Dionne Brimfield	Diane F. Bundeiff Southbridge
29	James J. Cadieux West Springfield	Arlene M. Rasys Three Rivers

ABSTRACTS OF ACTION TAKEN DURING  
1973 TOWN MEETINGS:

MARCH 12, 1973 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MARCH 5, 1973 - ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS MEETING:

- Article 1. Accepted reports of Town Officers.
- Article 2. Voted to increase salaries of Town Accountant, Treasurer, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; others to remain the same.
- Article 3. Voted to appropriate \$1086.00 for Compensation Insurance.
- Article 4. Voted \$487.35 in Dog Fund be turned over to Library.
- Article 5. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of revenue for 18 month period.
- Article 6. Voted to authorize Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursements.
- Article 7. Voted to authorize Selectmen to sell Tax Title property.
- Article 8. Voted to R & A \$680.00 for Civil Defense for eighteen month period.
- Article 9. Voted to take no action on using revenue sharing funds to reduce tax rate.
- Article 10. Same as Article 9.
- Article 11. Voted to R & A \$5750 for Chapter 90 Maintenance.
- Article 12. Voted to R & A \$5500 for Chapter 90 Construction.
- Article 13. Voted to transfer \$14,406.81 from Mach. Fund to Mach. Acct.
- Article 15. Voted to authorize Selectmen to purchase pick-up truck and plow, \$4500 to be appropriated from Revenue Sharing.

- Article 16. Voted to authorize Selectmen to purchase new sander, \$3600 to be appropriated from Revenue Sharing.
- Article 17. Voted to authorize Selectmen to administer funds to rebuild a sander, \$1800 to be appropriated from Revenue Sharing.
- Article 18. Voted to R & A \$1500 for cutting brush.
- Article 19. Voted to appropriate \$5500 from Revenue Sharing for drainage on Old Palmer Road.
- Article 20. Voted to appropriate \$5000 from Revenue Sharing for construction on Little Alum Road.
- Article 21. Defeated motion for construction on Marsh Hill Road.
- Article 22. Defeated motion to abandon Bradway Place to the abutters.
- Article 23. Voted no action on abandoning a portion of East Hill Road.
- Article 24. Voted no action on abandoning a portion of Devil's Lane.
- Article 25. Voted to R & A \$665 for snow removal at Sherman Lake for 18 month period.
- Article 26. Voted to R & A \$250 to replace small Town Barn door.
- Article 27. Voted to install sodium vapor light in front of Town Hall.
- Article 28. Voted no action on Town Hall driveway and parking lot illumination.
- Article 29. Voted no action on Chief of Police salary.
- Article 30. Voted to request a Planning Board hearing re Zoning repeal.
- Article 31. Voted not to repeal Unregistered Motor Vehicle by-law.



- Article 32. Voted to accept \$160 from Historical Society for Historical Commission.
- Article 33. Voted two additional members on Historical Commission.
- Article 34. Voted to authorize Selectmen to appoint a charter commission study committee.
- Article 35. Defeated motion to have real estate valuation book published.
- Article 36. Voted to appropriate \$2000 State Aid for 1974/75 for Library.
- Article 37. Voted to establish a Housing Authority for the Elderly.
- Article 38. Voted no action in connection with legislation re amending school budgets.
- Article 39. Voted to rescind \$4,243.09 existing in the Elementary School Construction Loan authorization.
- Article 40. Voted to accept Sec. 53-C of Chap. 44 re deposit and expenditure of money received for off-duty police services.
- Article 41. Voted no action - no outstanding bills.
- Article 42. Voted to R & A sums requested in the budget except that Town Reports be \$1142.40 for 1973; police \$1400 for 1973 and \$700 for 1974; Street Lighting \$2767 for 1973 and \$1375 for 1974; \$11,090 of Elementary School Budget be appropriated from available funds; and that budget be reduced by \$8000 if 7th grade attends in Sturbridge; Elementary School budget for 1974 be \$197,779.00. (Note: 1974 figures refer to first six months of 1974 only.)
- Article 43. Voted no action on adding to the stabilization fund.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - MAY 14, 1973:

- Article 1. Voted to adopt amendment to Tantasqua agreement apportioning construction costs on basis of pupil enrollment.
- Article 2. Voted to appropriate \$2500 from Revenue Sharing for storage facility at Elementary School.
- Article 3. Voted to R & A \$950 for submersible water pump for elementary school well.
- Article 4. Voted to R & A \$1100 for Town Clerk's expense budget, omitted at Annual Town Meeting through oversight.
- Article 5. Voted to appropriate \$30,000 from Revenue Sharing for fire truck. Committee of five to be appointed.
- Article 6. Voted to retain Zoning By-law in its present form.
- Article 7. Voted to request Planning Board to amend Zoning By-law to clarify and update same.
- Article 8. Voted to maintain Sec. 29 of General By-laws (re duties of Finance Committee) in its present form.
- Article 9. Voted to appropriate \$3662.12 from available funds (Chap. 768) for drainage on W. Brimfield-Palmer and St. Clair Roads.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - JUNE 11, 1973

- Article 1. Voted to approve the amount of debt, \$4,713,500.00 for financing the construction and equipping of a regional junior high school.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - SEPTEMBER 17, 1973

- Article 1. Voted to rescind \$5750 voted for Chap. 90 Main. 3/5/73.
- Article 2. Voted to appropriate above \$5750 for general road maintenance.

- Article 3. Voted to rescind \$5500 voted for Chap. 90 Const. 3/5/73
- Article 4. Voted to appropriate above \$5500 for general road maintenance.
- Article 5. Voted to appropriate from available funds \$250 to complete rebuilding sander.
- Article 6. Voted no action on acceptance of land from State in East Brimfield.
- Article 7. Voted to change Conservation Commission from five to seven members.
- Article 8. Voted to establish non-voting, associate members on Conservation Commission, to be appointed by Conservation Commission.

Special Town Meeting - December 17, 1973 - meeting adjourned to January 7th, 1974 because of inclement weather.

Since action occurred before the 10th of January, 1974, action taken at this meeting is included herewith, and will be repeated in 1974 records.

#### ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - JANUARY 7, 1974:

- Article 1. Voted to amend the Zoning By-law and Map to include a multiple dwelling district for the elderly.
- Article 2. Voted to amend the Zoning Map to indicate multiple dwelling district for the elderly to rear of Town Hall.
- Article 3. Voted to convey land so zoned to Brimfield Housing Authority.
- Article 4. Voted to amend Zoning By-law by accepting definitions in 1972 Planners Handbook and Webster's Unabridged dictionary (lat. ed.).
- Article 5. Voted to amend Zoning By-law by permitting additions to non-conforming property without permitting reduction in yard size.

Article 6. Voted to table, pending further clarification.

Article 7. Voted to table, pending further clarification.

Article 8. Voted to transfer \$8916.70 from Mach. Fund  
to Mach. Account.

The foregoing information regarding Town Meeting action  
is in the form of an abstract only, and does not reflect  
the actual wording of the official records.

Juliane L. Spooner  
Town Clerk

DID YOU KNOW...

that in 1771 Brimfield had 230 voters,  
146 dwellings, 8 factories, 5 shops,  
2640 acres under cultivation and 1219  
farm animals?



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the voters of the Town of Brimfield:

1973 was an unsettled year. We lost a hard working highway superintendent in May. Real Poirier had been superintendent of streets since March 1970 and to our knowledge has yet to meet something he cannot fix or that which possesses the strength to resist his courage. Real Poirier worked extremely hard for his town and the undersigned find it difficult to express our gratitude for the countless tasks he has directed and accomplished. Bernard Dupuis, our road superintendent since June, has faced major problems with remarkable success. He found, by in large, a good vehicle status, however, the highway department had been utilizing Real Poirier's tools, welder, cutting torches, etc. etc. for three years, thus, upon Real's departure, we were without this necessary inventory. Transition into the job occurred during a period where projects normally funded were delayed, amended, dropped or entirely changed by ever changing guidance from the Department of Public Works. In our opinion, Mr. Dupuis has done an outstanding job in maintaining our highways with a scaled-down, unpredictable budget.

Highway work included extension of construction on the Little Alum Road, drainage of the Brookfield, Old Palmer and Washington Roads, and over 31,000 feet of oiling. Bridge repair work included installation of railings at several locations plus new splashboards at the Mill Pond dam. Extensive rain and near flood conditions required considerable road patching and surface drainage work.

The initial step toward a salary account for highway employees was taken in June when the Deputy Highway Superintendent was placed on salary. To date, his salary has been obtained from various highway accounts, however, it is hoped that the voters will approve a separate salary account.

The Emergency Employment Act continued to provide Brimfield with Visiting Nurse care through Mrs. Dorothy Chapman and many diversified benefits via employment of Lyman Stanton and Walter Koslowski. Completion of the Fire Station addition, repair and foundation addition to the Town Spring well house, school utility building, repairs to the Town Hall and Library, storage bins and painting

at the Town barn, work on school well, painting of flag pole and Town Monument fence, planting of trees on the Common plus expert care of the Town Dump were some of the projects tackled by these men.

The energy situation and possible impact upon Brimfield residents is being studied by five of your members who agreed to handle an extremely tough assignment. We wish to thank Mrs. Denzil Bagster-Collins, Mrs. Louis Flowers, Mr. W. Leeds Frye, Mr. George Gregory and Mr. Charles Haddock for giving of their time and energy to plot Brimfield's course through possible problems ahead.

Without question, the high light of 1973 was the continued enthusiasm and zest displayed by the members appointed to the Brimfield Housing Authority. Those appointed by your Selectmen are Verva Macumber, Grace Stuart, Stanley Bidga, and Walter Johnson. The undersigned were disappointed that Governor Sargent chose to disregard our recommendation of Alice Adams for the State appointment to your Housing Authority, however, the remaining members have worked that much harder to study, prepare and determine the many preliminary actions of this extensive and terribly important project. This dedicated group has traveled thousands of miles and spent countless hours entirely at their own personal expense. The conclusion of 1973 found the Brimfield Housing Authority seeking Town approval of necessary zoning change and site selection actions. We could not be prouder of these citizens.

The voters of the Town of Brimfield should be informed of various court cases which are pending or have been resolved.

Early in 1973, a group called PROD obtained a petition for a Writ of Mandamus against the Board of Selectmen for alleged failure to enforce Article XI of the Town By-Laws, known as the Unregistered Motor Vehicle By-Law. The Selectmen canvassed the town for violators and corrected any violations. The charges were dismissed in Superior Court.

Mr. Richard Raymond's petition for a Writ of Mandamus against the Board of Selectmen and the Building Inspector for invalid spot zoning is still pending. This was decided by a vote of the inhabitants of Brimfield. Mr. Raymond appealed to the Supreme Court because of an unfavorable decision. The Appeal has not been heard.

A Bill of Equity of Chapter 40A, Section 21 of the General Laws was filed by Mr. Walter Pleu on a Statutory Appeal from the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The case is still pending.

A previous case brought against various Town officials by Mr. Pleu was dismissed in favor of the Town of Brimfield.

A suit against the Board of Selectmen (April 1973) brought by George C. Gross, Jr., Edwin L. Noga and Roderick Murphy for a petition and declaratory Judgement by the Superior Court, under Chapter 231A, relating to alleged conflict of interest under Chapter 268A. This case has not been heard by the Court.

The Town of Brimfield verses Royal M. Schoonover, Paul C. Wales and Sherwood C. Wales dba/Brimfield Lumber Co. in regards to operating a saw mill and lumber yard in a business district. Brimfield Lumber Co. was ordered to file a written answer to Superior Court before May 7, 1973. There has been no court decision.

In a petition for a Writ of Mandamus brought against the Building Inspector by Stanley Bigda, Clara Sturtevant, Elizabeth Prunier and Robert Sturtevant as Lessee. This case is in regard to a building under construction by Richard Ethier. A preliminary Injunction was sought and denied. This is still pending.

The Board of Selectmen extends sincere appreciation to all elected and appointed officers and to all others who have rendered service to the Town during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Allen  
James A. Adams, Jr.  
Sherwood C. Wales  
Board of Selectmen



# REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

## REAL ESTATE

### 1973

Commitments as per warrants		\$466,546.46
Abatements refunded		<u>57.19</u>
		466,603.65
Cash to Treasurer	\$415,392.44	
To Tax Title	6,232.17	
Abatements	<u>19,268.83</u>	<u>440,893.44</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 25,710.21

### 1972

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973		\$ 22,652.46
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 19,687.88	
To Tax Title	1,961.68	
Abatements	<u>169.00</u>	<u>21,818.56</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 833.90

### 1971

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973		\$ 658.34
Abatement refunded		<u>13.87</u>
		672.21
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 640.71	
Abatement	<u>31.50</u>	<u>672.21</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		0

### 1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973		\$ 73.64
Cash to Treasurer		<u>73.64</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		0

### 1969

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973		\$ 16.32
Cash to Treasurer		<u>0</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 16.32



FARM ANIMAL

1973

Commitment as per warrant	\$ 427.75
Cash to Treasurer	<u>427.75</u>

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973	0
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1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 11.22
Cash to Treasurer	<u>11.22</u>

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973	0
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PERSONAL PROPERTY

1973

Commitment as per warrant	\$ 63,410.27
Abatements refunded	<u>479.39</u>
	\$ 63,889.66

Cash to Treasurer	\$ 61,395.18
Abatements	<u>1,216.28</u>
	<u>62,611.46</u>

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 1,278.20
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1972

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 683.86
Abatement refunded	<u>14.88</u>
	698.74

Cash to Treasurer	\$ 467.48
Abatements	<u>94.86</u>
	<u>562.34</u>

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 136.40
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1971

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 147.42
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Cash to Treasurer	\$ 23.31
Abatements	<u>17.01</u>
	<u>40.32</u>

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 107.10
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1970

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973		\$	47.60
Cash to Treasurer	\$	36.40	
Abatement		<u>11.20</u>	<u>47.60</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973			0

1969

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973		\$	68.00
Cash to Treasurer			<u>0</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		\$	68.00

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1973

Commitments as per warrants		\$	55,209.30
Abatements refunded			<u>748.33</u>
			55,957.63
Cash to Treasurer	\$	40,383.25	
Abatements		<u>6,269.35</u>	<u>46,652.60</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		\$	9,305.03

1972

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973		\$	9,082.47
1972 Commitments submitted in 1973			22,423.35
Abatements refunded			<u>965.46</u>
		\$	32,471.28
Cash to Treasurer	\$	25,011.50	
Abatements		<u>5,511.68</u>	<u>30,523.18</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		\$	1,948.10

1971

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973		\$	2,092.23
Abatements refunded			<u>179.15</u>
		\$	2,271.38
Cash to Treasurer	\$	459.61	
Abatements		<u>993.94</u>	<u>1,453.55</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		\$	817.83

	<u>1970</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973		\$ 460.17
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 144.38	
Abatements	<u>78.18</u>	<u>222.56</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 237.61

	<u>1969</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973		\$ 251.64
Cash to Treasurer	\$ 115.51	
Abatement	<u>49.50</u>	<u>165.01</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 86.63

	<u>1968</u>	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973		\$ 44.55
Cash to Treasurer		<u>34.65</u>
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		\$ 9.90
Trailer Park Receipts		\$ 6,546.00

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND - THERE WILL BE TWO (2) 1974 TAX PAYMENTS.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara W. Keith  
Tax Collector

DID YOU KNOW...

that in 1771 only two Brimfield residents had money "at interest?" Sixty pounds in one case, and Thirty pounds, in the other.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 111,161.36	
Cash receipts	<u>1,314,709.72</u>	\$1,425,871.08

Paid on Treasury Warrants	\$1,324,359.09	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1973	<u>101,511.99</u>	\$1,425,871.08

## Funds in custody of Treasurer:

Harriet Allen School Fund		\$ 1,726.29
Mary Burns School Fund		2,282.87

## Library Funds:

Mary Hyde	831.50
Ursula Shaw	2,489.09
Endocia Flynt	103.52
Albert Tarbell	200.00
Julia Coy	645.04
Elizabeth Robinson	411.41
Fitzhenry Warren	1,000.00
Emily Woods	500.00
Philip Burns	<u>1,000.00</u>

7,180.56

Harriet Harding Fund	5,218.44
James Lincoln Library Building	4,660.50
Chamberlain Smith Historical Fund	703.20
Pearsall Monument Fence Fund	253.73
Bliss Cemetery Gate Fund	85.93
Cemetery Wall Fund	593.01
Hoyt Animal Cemetery Fund	858.31
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Principal	20,585.55
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Interest	<u>21,345.77</u>
	65,494.16

Revenue Sharing Account - Balance	\$ 41,033.31
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Respectfully submitted,

Clarence H. Keith  
Treasurer



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Raised by taxation	\$1,237,460.55
Appropriated from available funds	70,385.47
Deficits due to abatements	94.64
School lunch program	2,822.40
Free Public Library	2,000.00
Youth Service Board - Delinquency Prevention	4,822.40
Mapping Loan	5,060.00
Veterans' Service District assessment	1,946.50
School debt payment, Sec.23, Chap.59	80,000.00
County tax	26,605.24
State recreation areas	6,636.22
Audit of Municipal Accounts	5,599.64
State Assessment System	77.96
Air Pollution Control District	154.60
Motor vehicle excise tax bills	218.10
Overlay of current year	<u>24,000.00</u>
Gross amount to be raised	1,464,261.32
Available funds and estimated receipts	669,499.47
Net amount to be raised by taxation ( equals 2/3 of total)	529,841.23
Tax rate - \$77.00 per M	
Personal property valuation	\$ 823,510.00
Real estate valuation	<u>6,057,545.00</u>
Total valuation	\$6,881,055.00

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Gondek  
John M. Haley  
Charles W. Sherman

DID YOU KNOW...

that before 1820 assessed valuations were  
approximately 6% of actual value?

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
For the year ending December 31, 1973

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1973	\$	111,161.36
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RECEIPTS  
GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes

Current year personal	\$ 61,395.18	
Current year real estate	<u>415,393.44</u>	476,788.62
Previous years personal	527.19	
Previous years real estate	<u>20,251.57</u>	20,778.76

Tax title redemptions		18,355.81
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Licenses & Permits

Liquor	1,150.00	
Permits	<u>789.50</u>	1,939.50

Fines & Forfeits

District Court	317.80	
U.S. District Court	<u>83.09</u>	400.89

Special Assessments

Trailer Parks	6,546.00	
Farm Animal	438.97	
M.V. Excise	<u>66,275.90</u>	73,260.87

Grants & Gifts

Federal & State	344,849.22	
County	487.35	
Individuals	<u>4,890.41</u>	<u>350,226.98</u>

Total General Revenue	\$	941,751.43
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COMMERCIAL REVENUE

DEPARTMENTAL

General Government

Treasurer	\$ 12.00	
Collector	697.00	
Tel. Commission	<u>119.41</u>	\$ 828.41

Public Safety

Comp. Ins. Refund	389.72	
Dog Warden Remit	<u>956.00</u>	1,345.72

Highways		
Chapt. 90 Maint. State	5,749.84	
Chapt. 90 Maint. County	5,749.84	
Machinery Maint. Town	12,117.25	
Comp. Ins. Town	<u>1,346.04</u>	24,962.97
Public Welfare		
Veterans Benefits	741.35	
Veterans Other	<u>3,599.70</u>	4,341.05
Schools		
Sales of Supplies	8.91	
Lunch Receipts	<u>9,510.13</u>	9,519.04
Libraries		
Fines	167.55	
State Aid	<u>1,000.00</u>	1,167.55
Interest		
On Taxes	1,279.35	
On Tax Titles	3,521.12	
On Special Assessments	1.76	
On M.V. Excise	262.11	
On Library Funds	<u>.320.66</u>	<u>5,385.00</u>
Total Commercial Revenue		\$ 47,549.74

#### MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans	250,000.00	
Sales in excess of Tax Titles	<u>9,232.70</u>	\$ 259,232.70

#### Agency, Trust & Investment

Agency		
Federal W.H. Taxes	\$ 35,228.21	
Mass. W.H. Taxes	10,230.72	
County Retirement	2,032.68	
Dog Licenses for County	968.70	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	200.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Int. Acct.	847.50	
Group Hospital Ins. W.H.	3,531.44	
Group Life Ins. W.H.	238.00	
Group Hospital Ins. E.E.A.	609.27	
Group Life Ins. E.E.A.	<u>32.34</u>	53,918.86

Refunds & Transfers

Refunds

School Dept.	2.40	
Library Expense	24.33	
Group Ins.	97.88	
Machinery Maint.	292.03	
Interest Refund	218.40	
Tax Title Refund Costs	29.95	
Tax Collector Cost Refund	6.00	
Federal Revenue Sharing	<u>11,586.00</u>	<u>12,256.99</u>
		\$ <u>325,408.55</u>

GRAND TOTAL

\$1,425,871.08

PAYMENTS

General Government

Legislative Dept.		
Moderator Salary		\$ 150.00
Selectmen Dept.		
Selectmen Salaries	\$ 1,400.00	
Board Clerk	400.00	
Postage, Printing & Stationery	309.11	
Travel	65.05	
Telephone	453.74	
All Other	<u>98.08</u>	2,725.98
Auditing Dept.		
Accountant Salary	1,680.00	
Postage, Printing & Stationery	124.22	
Travel & Dues	<u>35.00</u>	1,839.22
Treasury Dept.		
Treasurer Salary	1,400.00	
Travel	83.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	768.25	
Surety Bond	171.60	
Cert. of Redemption & Liens	95.00	
Legal Fees, Dues & All Other	<u>876.38</u>	3,394.23



Collectors Dept.		
Tax Collector Salary	900.00	
Money & Securities Ins.	130.00	
Postage, Stationery & Printing	581.75	
Surety Bank	218.00	
Demands Clerk Hire, Adv. & All Others	<u>711.34</u>	2,541.09
Assessors Dept.		
Assessors Salaries	1,350.00	
Board Clerk	600.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	438.36	
Travel	8.00	
Assessors Maps	1,290.00	
Dues	27.00	
Snowmobile Census	<u>50.00</u>	3,763.36
Finance Committee		
Secretary Salary	75.00	
Dues	25.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	<u>12.50</u>	112.50
Law Dept.		
Town Counsel		400.00
Certification		
Certifying Notes		12.00
Town Clerk's Dept.		
Town Clerk Salary	1,400.00	
Recording Fees	83.00	
Postage, Printing & Stationery	383.77	
Surety Bond	10.00	
All Others	<u>53.50</u>	1,930.27
Election & Registration		
Registrars Salary	181.00	
Election Officers Salaries	204.00	
Postage, Printing & Stationery	80.00	
Lunches	18.09	
Town Clerk Salary	50.00	
Street List	<u>250.20</u>	783.29

Planning Board		
Postage, Printing & Stationery	164.95	
Adv.	26.40	
Clerk Hire	<u>15.00</u>	206.35
Zoning Board of Appeals		
Clerk Hire	168.00	
Postage, Stationery & Printing	<u>99.43</u>	267.43
Town Hall		
Janitor Salary	900.00	
Fuel	1,242.70	
Light	206.79	
Repairs	18.99	
Trucking	<u>26.89</u>	2,395.37
Town Garage & Fire Station Addition		
Materials Exp.	764.97	
Roof & Beams Exp.	1,850.00	
Electrical Exp.	<u>348.60</u>	2,963.57
Town Garage & Fire Station Maint.		
Fuel	907.39	
Light	607.27	
Repairs	337.30	
Comp. Ins.	.94	
Highway Supt. Salary	20.00	
Highway Truck Rental	<u>323.07</u>	<u>2,195.97</u>
Total General Government		\$ 25,680.63

Public Safety

Police Dept.		
Wages	900.00	
Stationery, Printing, Postage	15.00	
New Equipment	<u>260.40</u>	1,175.40
Fire Dept.		
Chief Salary	350.00	
Forest Fires	384.00	
New Equipment	355.31	
New Radios	436.05	
Repair & Maint. Equip.	623.41	
Hose	138.00	
Gas & Oil	220.64	

Fire Dept. (Cont.)		
Parts & Repairs	843.27	
Printing, Stationery &		
Postage	7.50	
Telephone	541.02	
Equipment Ins.	2,940.71	
Dues	15.00	
Travel	101.00	
Adv.	<u>39.52</u>	6,995.43
Civil Defense		
Directors Salary	100.00	
Parts & Repairs	<u>72.64</u>	172.64
Constables Expense		160.00
Dog Warden Service		
Care of Dogs	800.00	
Killing Dogs	164.00	
Excavating Graves	<u>15.00</u>	979.00
Private Police Service		
Gordon Reid Flea Markets	2,750.91	
Joseph Hopkins Flea Market	45.00	
N.E. Telephone Co.	<u>480.00</u>	3,275.91
Building Inspection		50.00
Forestry		
Insect Pest Control		
Supt. Salary	75.00	
Labor	150.00	
Trucks	20.25	
Comp. Ins.	10.58	
Tree Removal	<u>640.00</u>	895.83
Tree Warden		
Salary	100.00	
Tree Removal	<u>40.00</u>	<u>140.00</u>
Total Public Safety		\$ 13,844.21

### Health and Sanitation

Health Dept.	
Clerk Salary	100.00
Agent Salary	200.00
Animal Inspector	75.00

# Health Dept. (Cont.)

## Postage, Stationery &

Printing	32.42
Telephone	42.85
Medicines	68.00
Pest Control	130.00
Town Reservoir	684.18
Care of Dump	2,745.46
Bulldozing	<u>1,027.50</u>

Total Health & Sanitation \$ 5,105.41

## General Highways

### Bridge Repairs

Supt. Salary	455.00	
Deputy Salary	770.00	
Labor	322.80	
Lumber & Materials	363.54	
Trucks	14.15	
Comp. Ins.	66.84	
Mill Pond Repairs Dam	229.58	
Tool Purchases	<u>76.78</u>	2,298.69

### Snow Removal

Sherman Lake Assoc.	665.00	
Supt. Salary	1,816.00	
Deputy Salary	378.00	
Labor	2,679.65	
Salt & Sand	3,461.88	
Trucks	3,850.45	
Hired Equipment	1,311.50	
Comp. Ins.	<u>229.05</u>	14,391.53

### Brush Cutting

Supt. Salary	45.00	
Deputy Salary	124.00	
Labor	135.45	
Comp. Ins.	14.30	
Trucks	67.90	
Hired Equipment	<u>900.10</u>	1,286.75

### Old Palmer Road Drainage

Supt. Salary	530.00
Deputy Salary	408.00
Labor	269.33
Comp. Ins.	56.73
Trucks	226.00



Old Palmer Road Drainage (Cont.)		
Hired Equipment	603.83	
Adv.	10.73	
Culverts	1,842.40	
Blocks	313.74	
Materials	19.58	
Police	<u>76.50</u>	4,356.84
Little Alum Road Const.		
Supt. Salary	555.00	
Deputy Salary	428.00	
Labor	677.40	
Trucks	1,220.90	
Comp. Ins.	78.03	
Hired Equipment	<u>2,477.75</u>	5,437.18
Highway Purchases		
Radios	160.00	
Sander Body Rebuilding	1,793.55	
New Sander	3,600.00	
New Town Truck	<u>4,468.83</u>	10,022.38
Highway Improvement		
Supt. Salary	911.50	
Deputy Salary	792.00	
Labor	1,300.73	
Comp. Ins.	141.71	
Trucks	1,335.95	
Materials & Culverts	5,381.70	
Hired Equipment	1,505.20	
Clerk Hire	10.60	
Petitions	<u>10.00</u>	11,389.39
Chapter 768 Improvements		
Supt. Salary	60.00	
Deputy Salary	48.00	
Comp. Ins.	5.07	
Trucks	29.60	
Hired Equipment	145.20	
Culverts	<u>2,171.73</u>	2,459.60
Street Lighting		
Streets	2,322.91	
Telephone Booth	<u>45.72</u>	2,368.63

Chapt. 81 Maint.

Supt. Salary	3,940.50	
Deputy Salary	552.00	
Labor	5,799.26	
Stone & Gravel	129.00	
Trucks	4,769.70	
Hired Equipment	2,822.50	
Clerk Hire	190.80	
Comp. Ins.	492.66	
Cold Patch	1,305.94	
Adv. Bids	<u>38.64</u>	20,041.00

Machinery Maint.

Supt. Salary	1,924.50	
Deputy Salary	880.00	
Labor	1,214.74	
Parts & Repairs	9,755.89	
Equip. Ins.	1,367.23	
Comp. Ins.	188.80	
Gas & Oil	3,498.14	
Licenses	13.76	
Fuel Tax	106.19	
Janitors Supplies	128.31	
Trucks	<u>11.90</u>	<u>19,382.06</u>

Total Highways \$ 93,434.05

Public Welfare

Veterans Benefits	9,849.87
Veterans Service Dist.	<u>1,297.66</u>

Total Public Welfare \$ 11,147.53

Schools

Administration

School Committee Salaries	300.00	
Supt. Salary	2,077.32	
Asst. Supt. Salary	1,537.20	
Treas. & Clerks Salaries	3,694.81	
All Others	1,687.27	
Postage, Printing & Stationery	284.66	
Telephone	1,286.62	
Travel	739.31	
School Census	100.00	
Office Equip. Expense	89.64	
Principals Clerk Sal.	<u>3,738.46</u>	15,535.29

Instruction		
Elementary Teachers Sal.	169,406.44	
Substitute Teachers Sal.	2,490.00	
Teachers Aides & Perc.		
Hand.	14,251.07	
Textbooks	2,335.50	
Supplies	<u>8,093.14</u>	196,576.15
Tuition & Transportation		
Special Ed. Tuition	388.53	
High School Transportation	28,517.40	
Elementary Transportation	22,304.02	
Vocational Transportation	244.80	
Special Ed. Transportation	6,095.03	
Personal Training	<u>478.62</u>	58,028.40
Operation & Maint.		
Janitors Salaries	15,384.37	
Office Janitor Service	32.85	
Light	8,225.81	
Fuel	6,233.88	
Equipment Repairs	959.91	
Grounds Maint.	388.26	
Building Maint. & Repairs	4,670.64	
Janitor Supplies	<u>2,500.37</u>	38,396.09
All Other Programs		
Furn. & Fixtures	79.85	
Office Rent	<u>119.88</u>	199.73
School Health		
Physician	984.20	
Nurse	2,877.32	
Nurses Aide	316.39	
Health Supplies	<u>193.04</u>	4,370.95
Tantasqua R. H. S.		322,152.49
E.S.E.A. Title II		363.15
N.D.E.A. Title III		1,132.94
School Lunches		
Wages	6,218.10	
Food	9,968.63	
Other	<u>450.68</u>	15,637.41

New School Well Digging		
Water Pump	608.11	
Installed	1,554.35	
Labor	36.00	
Hired Equipment	<u>273.82</u>	2,472.28
New School Storage Bldg.		
Highway Supt.	15.00	
Highway Deputy	8.00	
Labor Highway	5.90	
Trucks	24.65	
Labor	297.00	
Comp. Ins.	1.36	
Hired Contractor	<u>2,371.37</u>	2,723.28
New School Addition		
Repair Boiler Adjustment	831.35	
Alarm, Parts & Labor	<u>170.58</u>	<u>1,001.93</u>
Total Schools		\$ 659,590.09

### Library

Salaries & Wages		
Librarian Salary	1,890.00	
Assistant	300.07	
Janitor	<u>500.00</u>	2,690.07
Books & Periodicals		
Books	1,008.44	
Periodicals	80.45	
Records	<u>56.20</u>	1,145.09
Fuel & Light		
Fuel	333.39	
Light	<u>270.21</u>	603.60
Buildings & Grounds		
Repairs	322.93	
Care of Grounds	170.00	
Janitor Supplies	<u>5.80</u>	498.73
Other Expenses		
Stationery & Postage	67.42	
Telephone	117.94	
Dues	<u>5.00</u>	<u>190.36</u>
Total Library		5,127.85



Sherman Library Room		<u>14.28</u>
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Total Library & Sherman Library Room \$5,142.13

Recreation

Town Common	505.55	
Recreation Committee	<u>511.74</u>	

Total Recreation 1,017.29

Unclassified

Memorial Day	489.16	
Town Reports	1,142.40	
Town Property Ins.	6,983.90	
Conservation Committee	136.67	
Workmens Comp. Ins.	<u>2,084.00</u>	<u>10,836.13</u>

Total Unclassified & Recreation \$ 11,853.42

Enterprise & Cemeteries

Cemetery Dept.	
Committee Salaries	300.00
Supt. Salary	633.00
Labor	456.00
Hired Equipment	617.20
Seeds	21.80
Equipment Purchase	100.00
Gas & Oil	65.93
Repairs	34.10
Cement	<u>4.50</u>

Total Enterprise & Cemeteries \$ 2,232.53

Interest & Maturing Debt

Interest	
Revenue Loan	5,550.31
Highway Loan	3,313.00
School Bonds & Loan	35,750.00
Assessors Map Bond Loan	<u>379.50</u>
	44,992.81

Municipal Indebtedness	
Revenue Loans	250,000.00
Highway Loan	45,600.00
School Bonds	40,000.00
Assessors Maps Bond	<u>5,060.00</u>
	340,660.00

## All Other

Excess Tax Title Sales	8,472.08	
County Retirement Program	4,353.36	
County Tax	17,252.52	
State Recreation Area	5,789.84	
Auditing Municipal Accts.	5,599.64	
Pioneer Valley Pollution Control	155.79	
M.V. Excise Bills	218.10	
State Assessment System	<u>77.96</u>	41,919.29

Total Interest & Maturing Debt \$ 427,572.10

Agency, Trust & Investments

## Agency

Fed. W.H. Taxes	33,722.01
Mass. W.H. Taxes	9,066.56
County Retirement W.H.	1,750.17
Dog Licenses for County	968.70
Perpetual Care Fund	1,408.50
Town Hosp. Ins.	3,306.36
Town Life Ins.	223.93
E.E.A. Hosp. Ins.	560.50
E.E.A. Life Ins.	29.92
Employees Hosp. Ins. W.H.	3,210.40
Employees Life Ins. W.H.	<u>218.96</u>

Total Agency \$ 54,466.01

Refunds & Transfers

## Refunds

Taxes	586.11
M.V. Excise	1,892.94
E.S.E.A. Title II	16.83
Accrued Interest	183.62
Group Hosp. Ins.	25.48
Fed. Revenue Sharing	<u>11,586.00</u>

Total Refunds 14,290.98

Total Payments 1,324,359.09

Cash Balance 12/31/73 101,511.99

TOTAL \$1,425,871.08

# TRIAL BALANCE

BEFORE CLOSING AS OF 12/31/73  
12 months of 18-month period

	<u>Assets</u>	
	D.	
Cash Regular Account	\$101,511.99	
Federal Revenue Account	<u>41,033.31</u>	\$ 142,545.30
Accounts Receivable		
1969 Real Estate Taxes	16.32	
1969 Personal Taxes	68.00	
1970 Real Estate Taxes	16.80	
1971 Real Estate Taxes	120.00	
1971 Personal Taxes	107.10	
1972 Real Estate Taxes	896.42	
1972 Personal Taxes	119.04	
1973 Real Estate Taxes	25,743.86	
1973 Personal Taxes	<u>1,278.20</u>	
Total Real Estate & Personal Taxes		\$ 28,365.74
1968 M.V. Excise	9.90	
1969 M.V. Excise	86.63	
1970 M.V. Excise	237.61	
1971 M.V. Excise	697.83	
1972 M.V. Excise	1,948.10	
1973 M.V. Excise	<u>9,298.03</u>	
Total Motor Vehicle Excise		\$ 12,278.10
Tax Titles	12,778.42	
Tax Possessions	<u>6,584.92</u>	
Total Tax Titles & Possessions		\$ 19,363.34
Trust Fund Income	561.00	
Dog Warden Service	74.00	
General Relief	41.43	
Veterans Benefits	<u>5,175.31</u>	5,851.74
State Aid to Highway Chapt.		
81 Maint 1973	10,268.70	
State Aid to Highway Chapt.		
90 Const. 1972	11,000.00	
County Aid to Highway Chapt.		
90 Const. 1972	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>26,768.70</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 235,172.92

	<u>Reserves</u>	
	D	C
1967 Overlay	\$ 1.56	
1969 Overlay		\$ 84.32
1970 Overlay		16.80
1971 Overlay		227.10
1972 Overlay		1,015.46
1973 Overlay		3,514.89
Overlay Surplus		14,300.99
M.V. Revenue		12,278.10
Tax Title & Tax Possession Revenue		19,363.34
Departmental Revenue		5,290.74
Aid to Highway Revenue		26,768.70
Estimated Receipts	184,833.79	
Revenue	264,805.12	
Surplus Revenue		43,502.04
Federal Revenue Sharing Res. Fund		6,573.67
Machinery Fund		8,916.70
Compensation Ins. Fund		2,133.44

Committed Accounts

Moderator Salary	75.00
Selectmen Salaries	900.00
Selectmen Expense	874.02
Town Accountant Salary	840.00
Town Accountant Expense	845.78
Town Treasurer Salary	700.00
Town Treasurer Expense	1,265.72
Tax Collector Salary	450.00
Tax Collector Expense	484.91
Tax Collector Demands	117.00
Assessors Salaries	975.00
Assessors Expense	1,566.64
Assessors Maps	445.00
Finance Committee Salary	37.50
Finance Committee Expense	75.00
Finance Committee Reserve Fund	14,750.00
Certifying Notes	48.00
Town Counsel Salary	200.00
Legal Fees & Expense	525.00
Town Clerk Salary	700.00
Town Clerk Expense	569.73
Election & Registration Expense	1,016.71
Planning Board Expense	219.65
Zoning Board of Appeals	187.57



# Committed Accounts

	D	C
Town Hall Janitor Salary		450.00
Town Hall Expense		2,654.63
Town Garage Maint.		1,604.03
Town Garage Addition		38.51
Town Garage Door		250.00
Police Dept. Exp.		924.60
Fire Truck Purchase		30,000.00
Fire Dept. Salary		175.00
Fire Dept. Exp.		2,764.57
Civil Defense Salary		50.00
Civil Defense Exp.		307.36
Constables Expense		140.00
Dog Warden Service		371.00
Tree Warden Salary		50.00
Tree Warden Expense		560.00
Outside Police Service		64.00
Insect Pest Control		4.17
Gas Inspector		24.50
Building Inspector		25.00
Health Dept.		8,174.59
General Highways		20,274.78
Brush Cutting		213.25
Chapt. 768		1,202.52
Chapt. 90 Const. Boundary Pins 1970		200.00
Chapt. 90 Const. 1972		5,495.00
Chapt. 81 Maint. 1973	10,268.70	
Highway Improvements	139.39	
Machinery Maint.	15,889.48	
Street Lighting		1,773.37
Sander Motor Purchase		326.65
Radio Purchase		210.00
Sander Body Rebuild		256.45
Pickup Truck Purchase		31.17
Old Palmer Road Drainage		1,143.16
Little Alum Road Const.	437.18	
Veterans Benefits		2,749.83
Veterans Service Dist.		648.84
School Dept.		205,772.79
School Lunch	17.78	
New School Addition		5,111.86
New School Storage Bldg	223.28	
New School Well	43.34	
Tantasqua R. H. S.		161,076.30
N.D.E.A. Title III		434.90
E.S.E.A. Title II	178.54	
Sherman Library Room		156.14

# Committed Accounts

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Library Salaries		1,195.00
Library Expense		2,184.49
Town Common		194.45
Memorial Day		460.84
Recreation Committee		238.26
Historical Commission		75.00
Conservation Commission		13.33
Town Reports		1,200.00
Workmens Comp. Ins. Acct.	998.00	
Town Property Ins.		2,016.10
Town Chapt. 32B Ins.		4,567.59
Group Ins. EEA		7.12
Cemetery Dept. Salary		150.00
Cemetery Dept. Exp.		317.47
Cemetery Lots Sales		210.00
Perpetual Care Fund Gifts		200.00
Interest Account		17,725.59
Fed. W.H. Taxes		1,506.20
Mass. W.H. Taxes		1,164.16
County Retirement W.H.		282.51
Chapt. 32B Group Ins. W.H. Hosp.		295.56
Chapt. 32B Group Ins. W.H. Life		19.04
Tailings		91.33
Unidentified Receipts		345.57
Excess Tax Title Sales		793.08
County Tax		9,352.72
Lower Pioneer Valley Pollution Control	6.20	
State Park Areas		846.38
Assessors Maps		5,060.00
Assessors Maps Debt Inside Limit	5,060.00	
School Bond Outside Limit	590,000.00	
School Bond Loan		<u>630,000.00</u>
TOTALS	\$1,308,075.28	\$1,308,075.28

# APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER ACCOUNTS

<u>Account</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Moderator Salary	225.00		225.00	150.00	75.00
Selectman Salary	2,700.00		2,700.00	1,800.00	900.00
Expense	1,800.00		1,800.00	925.98	874.02
Accountant Salary	2,520.00		2,520.00	1,680.00	840.00
Expense	1,005.00		1,005.00	159.22	845.78
Treasurer Salary	2,100.00		2,100.00	1,400.00	700.00
Expense	3,230.00	29.95	3,259.95	1,994.23	1,265.72
Collector Salary	1,350.00		1,350.00	900.00	450.00
Expense	1,576.00	6.00	1,582.00	1,097.09	484.91
Assessors Salary	2,925.00		2,925.00	1,950.00	975.00
Expense	2,390.00		2,390.00	823.36	1,566.64
Maps		1,735.00	1,735.00	1,290.00	445.00
Finance Committee Salary	112.50		112.50	75.00	37.50
Expense	112.50		112.50	37.50	75.00
Reserve Fund	15,000.00		15,000.00	250.00	14,750.00
Certifying Notes	60.00		60.00	12.00	48.00
Town Counsel	600.00		600.00	400.00	200.00
Legal Fees & Expense	525.00		525.00		525.00
Town Clerk Salary	2,100.00		2,100.00	1,400.00	700.00
Expense	1,100.00		1,100.00	530.27	569.73
Election & Registration	1,800.00		1,800.00	783.29	1,016.71
Planning Board	426.00		426.00	206.35	219.65
Zoning Board of Appeals	455.00		455.00	267.43	187.57
Town Hall Salary	1,350.00		1,350.00	900.00	450.00
Expense	4,150.00		4,150.00	1,495.37	2,654.63
Town Garage Maint.	3,800.00		3,800.00	2,195.97	1,604.03
Addit.		3,002.08	3,002.08	2,963.57	38.51
Door	250.00		250.00		250.00
Police Dept.	2,100.00		2,100.00	1,175.40	924.60
Fire Dept. Salary	525.00		525.00	350.00	175.00
Expense	9,410.00		9,410.00	6,645.43	2,764.57

<u>Account</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Fire Truck Purchase		30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00
Fed. Revenue			150.00	100.00	50.00
Civil Defense Salary Expense	150.00		380.00	72.64	307.36
Constables Expense	300.00		300.00	160.00	140.00
Dog Warden Service	1,350.00		1,350.00	979.00	371.00
Tree Warden Salary Expense	150.00		150.00	100.00	50.00
	600.00		600.00	40.00	560.00
Insect Pest Control	900.00		900.00	895.83	4.17
Building Inspector	75.00		75.00	50.00	25.00
Health Dept.	13,280.00		13,280.00	5,105.41	8,174.59
General Highway	36,300.00		36,300.00	16,025.22	20,274.78
Sherman Lake Assoc.	665.00		665.00	665.00	
Brush Cutting	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,286.75	213.25
Chapt. 768 Improve.		3,662.12	3,662.12	2,459.60	1,202.52
1970 Chapt. 90 Boundary		200.00	200.00		200.00
1972 Chapt. 90 Const.		5,495.00	5,495.00		5,495.00
1973 Chapt. 81 Maint.	2,560.00	7,212.30	9,772.30	20,041.00	(10,268.70)
Highway Improve.	11,250.00		11,250.00	11,389.39	(139.39)
Machinery Fund		23,323.51	23,323.51	14,406.81	8,916.70
Machinery Maint.		15,140.19	15,140.19	31,029.67	(15,889.48)
Street Lighting	4,142.00		4,142.00	2,368.63	1,773.37
1972 Highway Sander Motor		326.65	326.65		326.65
1972 Highway Radio		370.00	370.00	160.00	210.00
Sander Body Rebuilt		FR1,800.00	2,050.00	1,793.55	256.45
Highway Pickup Truck	250.00	FR4,500.00	4,500.00	4,468.83	31.17
Highway Sander		FR3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Old Palmer Road Drainage		FR5,500.00	5,500.00	4,356.84	1,143.16
Little Alum Road Const.		FR5,000.00	5,000.00	5,437.18	(437.18)
Veterans Benefits	9,000.00	3,599.70	12,599.70	9,849.87	2,749.83
Veterans Serv. Dist.	1,946.50		1,946.50	1,297.66	648.84
School Dept.	527,385.00	2.40	527,387.40	321,614.61	205,772.79
Ele. School Addition		6,113.79	6,113.79	1,001.93	5,111.86
School Storage Bldg.	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,723.28	(223.28)



<u>Account</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
School Well Digging	950.00	1,478.94	2,428.94	2,472.28	(43.34)
Tantasqua R.H.S.	520,737.78		520,737.78	359,661.48	161,076.30
Library Salary	3,585.00		3,585.00	2,390.00	1,195.00
Expense	3,225.00	1,832.34	5,057.34	2,872.85	2,184.49
Town Common	700.00		700.00	505.55	194.45
Memorial Day	950.00		950.00	489.16	460.84
Recreation Committee	750.00		750.00	511.74	238.26
Historical Commission	75.00		75.00		75.00
Conservation Commission	150.00		150.00	136.67	13.33
Town Reports	2,342.40		2,342.40	1,142.40	1,200.00
Comp. Ins. Fund		3,219.44	3,219.44	1,086.00	2,133.44
Comp. Ins. Acct.		1,086.00	1,086.00	2,084.00	(998.00)
Town Property Ins.	9,000.00		9,000.00	6,983.90	2,016.10
Town Group Ins.	8,000.00	97.88	8,097.88	3,530.29	4,567.59
Cemetery Dept. Salary	450.00		450.00	300.00	150.00
Expense	2,250.00		2,250.00	1,932.53	317.47
Interest Account	62,500.00	218.40	62,718.40	44,992.81	17,725.59
County Retirement System	4,353.36		4,353.36	4,353.36	
Agency, Accts. & Transfer		(3,079.65)	(3,079.65)	391,577.91	(394,657.56)
TOTALS	\$1,300,399.04	\$125,472.04	\$1,425,871.08	\$1,324,359.09	\$101,511.99

## REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board held five hearings and rendered unanimous decisions as follows:

1. On the petition of Antonio J. Batista, Haynes Hill Road, a special permit for a Livery Stable was granted with safeguards to protect abutters and the Town.
2. On the petition of Cheney L. Lawrence, Route #20, Sturbridge/Palmer Road, a variance to allow the construction of a one-family residence on land with insufficient frontage was denied due to lack of authority.
3. On the petition of Cheney L. Lawrence, Route #20, Sturbridge/Palmer Road, appealing a cease and desist order of the Selectmen and requesting a variance to allow the construction of a one-family residence on land with insufficient frontage was granted.
4. On the petition of Alfred Giller, 92 Warren St., Southbridge, a special permit for a family campground off Route #20 on the Brimfield/Sturbridge Town line (Long Pond) was granted with safeguards to protect abutters and the Town.
5. On the petition of Ciesla Bros., Inc., 34 Plimpton St., Southbridge, a special permit for the removal, screening and crushing of gravel on property located on Warren/Sturbridge Road (Apple Road) was denied.

As a property owner in Brimfield, you are entitled to a hearing before this Board when:

1. The Building Inspector has made an error in his decision in refusing you a permit, or
2. You want an exception (specially permitted use) to the law for one of the uses listed in the law as grantable only after a finding that there would be no detriment to the neighborhood and town, or
3. You believe you qualify for a legal violation (variance). Some of the requirements for a legal violation are that there are almost unique conditions a-

bout your property, that these conditions relate to the land and not the owner, that these conditions are the cause of a hardship (financial or otherwise), and that the granting of a variance would not be harmful to the public good or derogate the intent and purpose of the zoning law. The courts have held that the loss of a potential profit is not a hardship.

Application forms for a hearing, with instructions for filling them out, may be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore W. Skowyra,  
Chairman  
Donald G. Moriarty  
Lester E. Dutka  
Frederick J. Lawrence  
(Associate)  
Stanley Bidga  
(Associate)

#### **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

During the past year the Planning Board has worked on amendments to the Zoning By-laws. Four articles were sponsored at a Special Town Meeting called for December 17th, 1973, and adjourned to Monday, January 7, 1974 at 8:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, because of unfavorable weather conditions. The Board acted upon 32 subdivisions.

The Board will meet in the basement of the Town Hall at 8 o'clock on the third Wednesday of each month; subdivision plans will be acted upon at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Christo,  
Chairman  
Arthur E. Brown  
Edward J. Killian  
William Roberts  
William Gindele, Clerk



## REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Early in March, 1973 the Board of Selectmen appointed Walter Johnson, Stanley Bigda, Grace Stuart and Verva Macumber to the Brimfield Housing Authority, in accordance with directive of the voters to appoint such an authority.

The first meeting was held August 23, 1973, the delay being occasioned by the State; it taking some months for the State Appointee to be named. At this meeting the following officers were elected:

Chairman, Walter Johnson  
Vice-Chairman, Stanley Bigda  
Secretary, Grace Stuart  
Treasurer, Verva Macumber  
Asst. Treasurer, Roderick Murphy (State Appointee,  
July 1973)

The Brimfield Housing Authority received their charter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on August 27th, 1973.

No meeting was held in September because of vacations. On October 11th, Reinhardt Associates, Inc. of Springfield were chosen to be the architects. On November 8th, a preliminary report and application for financial assistance was prepared with exhibits and maps. On December 13th we met with the Land Section of the Department of Community Affairs for an on-site check, and the proposed location to the rear of the Town Hall was approved by the State. On December 17th a special town meeting was scheduled to vote on by-law changes and property transfer. This meeting was postponed because of unfavorable weather and subsequently reconvened January 7th, at which time the project of Housing for the Elderly was approved.

Between meetings, various trips were made to Boston, conferences were held with the architects and with personnel of the State Street Bank and Trust Company of Boston and also the Army Engineers in Waltham. Six other housing projects were inspected and notes made of favorable and unfavorable aspects.



We have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the town in bringing the project of Low Income Housing for the Elderly (65 years of age and older, also handicapped persons, no age limit) to the present point. We thank the Board of Selectmen for the confidence they have indicated in appointing us and also the residents of Brimfield who, by their vote for the project, have expressed a similar confidence. If elected to serve in the same capacity, we pledge ourselves to continued service to the community, the Brimfield Housing Authority, and to the elderly of Brimfield, Holland and Wales, so that they may live in dignity despite rising costs and shrinking incomes.

## BRIMFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

by  
Walter Johnson, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

During 1973, 46 building permits were issued, of which 12 were for new houses. The balance was for remodelling, garage construction, etc.

I would like to remind all the residents of Brimfield that a building permit is necessary for new construction, change in use of premises, alteration of premises, etc. There is no cost for this permit which may be obtained Monday evenings, 7:15 P. M. to 8:15 P. M. at the office of the Building Inspector, in the rear room in the basement of the Town Hall.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter L. Koslowski  
Building Inspector and  
Zoning Officer

## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In its four years of operation, your Conservation Commission has expanded its base of operation and accomplished or initiated many necessary programs. The most important program is a Natural Resource Inventory of the Town of Brimfield which is Phase I of three in the formation of a Master Plan. A Town Advisory Group (T.A.G.), consisting of town officials and interested residents, was appointed to assist the Hampden County Technical Team in the creation of our town's master plan.

This year saw the initiation of Brimfield's first two Wetland Protection Act (Hatch Act) cases; namely: Long-Vue Motel Camp Grounds, Route 20, and Ciesla Brothers Gravel Operation, Apple Road. The former has satisfied requirements of the law; the latter is pending. The Brimfield Conservation Commission is the state authority in this town for the enforcement of the Wetland Protection Act and has written an abbreviated guide to assist applicants in fulfilling the law. A copy of this guide is available from the Conservation Commission.

The Wilson property, which had been donated to the town, has been sold to someone else. The Brown property is under study by the assessors and selectmen at this time.

We have contacted the U. S. Department of Agriculture and other noted authorities on the control of gypsy moth. A joint effort was conducted by the Garden Club and Conservation Commission to destroy gypsy moth egg masses by the use of creosote. An instructional guide was written to assist homeowners in controlling gypsy moth and also in identifying tent caterpillar and fall webworm.

A study is being conducted in the wise use of outdoor advertisement. All data should be processed by this time next year.

Members of this committee attended a conference sponsored by the Mass. Association of Conservation Commissions relative to the present status of the state Land-Use Policy.

At a special town meeting, the Town voted to increase the number of members of the Conservation Commission from

five to seven and has allowed the formation of an associate membership to assist in the growing duties of this commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Lundrigan, Chairman

Thorsten Anderson, Secretary  
Robert Martin  
Albert (Pete) Gendreau

Augustus Nivers  
Joseph DiFabio  
Michael Koprowski

#### REPORT OF THE DOG WARDEN

Board of Selectmen  
Brimfield, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

During the year 1973, I have picked up and confined at my home for the required number of days, 62 dogs and disposed of 66 dogs, 4 dogs hit by cars. Also disposed of 16 puppies left on the side of roads in plastic bags etc.

I have investigated 48 complaints, 9 where dogs had bitten adults and children and 39 complaints of dogs barking in the nighttime, upsetting garbage containers, chasing children while walking along the road, bicycle riders and of dogs being poisoned.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur J. Moreau  
Dog Officer



## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

During the year 1973 the usual maintenance of the Cemetery was carried out in a normal fashion except for an unusual amount of grass cutting due to the heavy rainfall.

Twenty-one burials were performed in the year 1973.

Prior to Memorial Day the sons of Ernest Roberts erected a flagpole and flag in the Cemetery in memory of their father.

At a meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners held on November 5, 1973 the following actions concerning Cemetery operations were voted:

Voted:

To establish the following schedule of fees effective this date, for reservation of burial space. The fees to be \$10.00 for plot the area of which is one-half or less than that of a present full lot. \$20.00 for a plot larger than one-half of a present full lot but not larger than a present full lot.

Voted:

To allow only one monument extending above ground level on any one burial plot on record. All other markers to be flush with ground.

Voted:

To allow planting of annuals only in an area not exceeding 12" wide and not extending beyond the length of the monument. In the absence of a monument, the area to be planted must have the prior approval of the superintendent.

Voted:

To permit not more than two plant or floral containers on any burial plot, each to be not larger than one gallon liquid capacity.

Our budget estimate for the fiscal year, July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975 covers usual items and is in line with previous years.

Respectfully submitted, Cemetery Commissioners  
George L. Gregory, Chairman      Everett D. Landen  
David M. H. Stanley



## REPORT OF THE BRIMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Board of Selectmen  
Brimfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my sixth annual report as Librarian of the Brimfield Public Library.

1973 has been a good and busy year for the Library. Attendance and circulation has been consistent with past years, and we have had many new applications for library cards from people recently moved to Brimfield. It is gratifying to have new-comers as well as the "old timers" using and enjoying the Library.

Through our continuing affiliation with the Central Massachusetts Regional Library, I am able to borrow any number of books from their Bookmobile, to be kept for an indefinite length of time. Thus I am able to add quite extensively to our own collection and can supplement special collections such as mystery stories or science fiction without any expense to the Town. I would like to remind readers here, that I am also able to borrow, for a limited time, through this same Central Massachusetts Regional Library, specific titles which our Library does not own. If there is a particular book which you would like to read for pleasure or study, please ask your Librarian if she can get it for you. Films too may be borrowed, and there is a list of those available at the Library.

Our record collection continues to be popular. The Library has a good selection of classical, light-classical, modern and children's records which may be borrowed on the same basis as books and magazines.

In June, 1973, the Library Board of Trustees adopted a Book Lending Policy for the Brimfield Public Library. This policy covers many items such as length of borrowing time, amount of fines charged for overdue books, cost of replacing lost or mutilated books, etc. A copy is posted in a conspicuous place in the Library so that everyone can see and read it.

There have been several repairs made to the Library Building--both inside and out. A large portion of the ceiling

in the stack room fell down, fortunately while the Library was empty. This spot has now been replastered and repainted. On recommendation of the Fire Chief, all fire extinguishers were checked, recharged as necessary and two additional new ones installed. The cellar stairway was cleared of a series of shelves with an accumulation of magazines and there is now free access to the cellar in case of need. On the outside of the building the following has been done. The hatchway to the cellar was completely rebuilt, louvres were placed in the gable ends of the building, several missing slates from the roof were replaced, the chimney was pointed up and all necessary repairs made to gutters and downpipes.

As a result of recent contacts between the Brimfield Historical Society and the village of Brimfield, Ohio, a group of graduate students from Kent University spent a day here in July under the leadership of Professor McCormick, who gives a course in "American Studies" at Kent. Brimfield, Ohio is a small suburb of the city of Kent and was founded by settlers who migrated from our town in Massachusetts in the early 1800's. Professor McCormick is active in the Historical Society of Brimfield, Ohio, and has made a special study of the connection between the two towns. His students were interested in the Library and particularly in the Sherman Room where its operation as a documentary museum of local history was explained and demonstrated. Professor McCormick and his students were given a conducted tour of several old Brimfield homes including three houses and the Academy built by Elias Carter, whose oldest son Horatio was one of the founders of Brimfield, Ohio. Other buildings visited were the Smith home, Hubbard Homestead and the School House on Tower Hill.

As in past years, the Library has received several fine gifts. The Garden Club once again decorated our front door with a beautiful Christmas wreath. Mrs. Everett Landen, in memory of her father Mr. Frank S. Gifford, gave a handsome standing lamp for use in the reading room. Given also in memory of Mr. Gifford, by Mr. and Mrs. William Cruess, was a book "American Heritage Book of Natural Wonders". Cheney Orchards donated an excellent apple cook book and of particular interest is a gift of a book by Prof. Harold Kent of Honolulu, Hawaii. This is entitled "Dr. Hyde and Mr. Stevenson" and tells of the work done by the Rev. Charles McEwen Hyde when he was a missionary in Hawaii, which was after the many

years he served as minister of the Brimfield Church. Dr. Hyde was the author of our Town History and was certainly one of the most eminent ministers Brimfield ever has had. Our Library was able to help Prof. Kent in his research on Dr. Hyde by loaning him a copy of the Town History and sending Zeroxed copies of the church records during Dr. Hyde's ministry here.

I am still fortunate in having the services of Miss Ellen J. Perrow and Mrs. Charlotte Day Hudson as assistants who can take over my duties when I have to be away from the Library. Miss Jennifer Roy now works as part-time helper, taking the place of Miss Janet Robertson who graduated from High School last June. My thanks go to all these ladies for their willing help.

In an effort to conserve energy, the Board of Trustees voted to close the Library on Thursday afternoons until further notice. The hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays remain the same -- 1:30-5:30 and 7:30-9:00. The telephone number at the Library is 245-3518. Please feel free to call for information or to renew books.

As always, I am grateful to the Library Board of Trustees for its continuing help and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Richard J. Brown  
Librarian



## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Town of Brimfield and the Police Department was saddened by the death of Robert Cutler. Motorists, pedestrians, and all who met "Bob" enjoyed talking and joking with him. He was always ready to serve when called. Words cannot express our loss. Bob has served the Town of Brimfield as a constable and police officer for many years.

The Police Department has served the Town of Brimfield 3,185 hours and traveled for 9,020 miles in those hours. Duties have included search, patrolling, traffic duty for special meetings, dances, town meetings, caucus, election, fires, church services and funerals. A construction company for the New England Telephone Co. and private individuals from Brimfield have engaged and compensated the police officers for traffic duty.

Special gatherings covered were as follows:

Memorial Day - May 27, 1973

Halloween - October 30-31, 1973

Your Chief of Police attended a conference on crime detection and control.

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Public Works have speed zoned North Main St., Warren Rd. and Brookfield Rd. and rezoned a part of Wales Rd. at the request of the Police Department.

Several court sessions were attended on complaints issued.

The following is a detailed list of activities for the year:

Citations issued:

Warnings - 18 (speeding, no registration in possession, no license in possession, no current and valid inspection sticker).

Complaints - 10 (speeding, unregistered vehicles, uninsured vehicles, attaching plates, operating without a license, no license in possession, no visible evidence of a current and valid inspection sticker, no registration in possession, passing with view obstructed, operating after suspension of license).



## Investigations:

- 2 Vehicle accidents (false alarms)
- 1 Vehicle-animal accident
- 2 Horse and rider accidents
- 1 Vehicle accident (State Police assist)
- 11 Vehicle accidents (With State Police)
- 1 Vehicle accident and arrest (With State Police)
- 1 Vehicle accident, hit and run (With State Police)

## Complaints received and investigated

Speeding	3	Dogs and cats injured	5
Trespassing	1	Other animals injured	1
Suspicious persons	3	Breaking and entering	4
Lost dogs	2	Stolen articles	10
Other animals lost	1	Theft and personal	
Missing person	1	assault	3
Littering	1	Suspicious vehicles	1
Malicious damage	12	Dog nuisances	5
Dogs/cats abandoned		Other animals	3
or killed	3	Illegal operation of	
Discharge firearms		flea market	1
illegally	2	Illegal operation of	
Stolen bicycles	2	tag sale	1
Disturbances	11	Annoying animals	1
Motorcycle distur-		Malicious damage and	
bance	1	theft at cemetery	1
Abusive telephone		Nuisances	1
calls	1		

## Other activities

Assists at fires	8	Assist vehicle fires	2
Assist Fire Dept.	5	Assist ambulance	5
Assist individuals	5	No vendors permit	1
Suspicious vehicle		Check burglar alarm	1
checks	3	Check VIN for reg.	17
Vehicle checks	32	Check unoccupied homes	12
Theft at cemetery	1	Check abandoned vehicle	2
Malicious damage	1	Check ID's	5
Closed flea market	1	Check several motor-	
Assist motorist	1	cycles	1
Check 1972 theft	1		

## Messages received

Sports clubs	2	Notification-furlough	
Requests from Ins.		info MCI Concord	2
Co.-accidents	7	Check on a business	1
-thefts	3	Messages relayed	2

Statement Ins. Co. on		License check & cert.	1
theft reimbursement	1	License & reg. check	5
Character inquiries		Report to Dept. of youth	
-businesses & others	1	services	1
-N.Y. State Civil		DPS-re bicycle law	1
Serv.	1	DPS-report of arrests	
DPS-re violation nar-		& summons	1
cotic drug law arrest	1		

#### Assists to or by the State Police

Discharging firearms	1	Breaking & entering	6
Thefts	1	Thefts from vehicles	1
Missing persons	1	Check vehicles	7
Suspicious vehicles	3	Suspicious persons	5
Malicious damage	15	Arrest & court action	6
Near drowning	1	Check fire	2
Check on warrant for		Check motorcycle riders-	
arrest	1	several no helmets	1
Check noise from		Info on stolen merchan-	
several motorcycles	1	dise	6
Assists to individuals	3	Personal threat & assault	3
Articles found	1	Injured persons	4
Check lic. & reg. of		Check burglar alarms	1
vehicle	34	Miscellaneous	1
Info on persons to SP	4	Roundup horses	1
Other info	1	Inv. vehicle fires	2
Animals injured	3	Robbery	1
Animals killed	1	Abandoned vehicle	1
Malicious damage &		Assist at accidents	1
theft at cemetery	2	Discard of suspicious	
Check damage	1	article	1
Suicide	2	License status	1
Nuisance action	1	Ownership of horses	2

#### Assists to other Police departments, sheriffs, and jails

Relay messages	1	DA and PD requests	3
Assist IRS	1	Arrest warrants	1
Info and addresses	4	Stolen items	3
Homicide drowning	1	Fire	1
Accidents	2	Arrest warrant trans.	
Request from WCH		to Springfield	1
Corr	2		

#### Other services

Sun. & holiday		Summons served	16
permits	10	Revocations from	
Pistol permits	30	registry	7

Firearms ID's	26	Reinstatement of license	
Alien firearm ID		& registration	4
issued by DPS	1	Cases referred to Reg.	1
Number of accidents	16	Military Serv. Rep. Req.	3
Number accident		Fingerprint	1
reports	19	Letter to France	1
Number vehicles inv.	22		

Two letters of commendation were received by the Department.

Operators of recreational vehicles must observe the laws governing their vehicle. Owners of recreation vehicles must get written permission to operate on any areas, other than their own, and may not operate on public highways other than to cross directly.

The Brimfield Police Department or the Massachusetts State Police should be notified of any incidents of a suspicious nature.

The Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, Town and City Police departments have cooperated with our department.

A word of thanks to the residents of Brimfield for their cooperation and we enlist their support in the prevention of crime and accidents.

To my officers, thank you for your cooperation and for the excellent performance of your duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Allen  
Chief of Police

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

The fall inspection and creosoting of gypsy moth egg clusters has been completed. The number of egg clusters was about the same as previous years except for an increase in the southern and southwestern part of town.

Maurice St. Clair  
Supt. of Insect Pest Control



## REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Department activities for 1973 were as follows:

Grass fires	11
Brush and woodland	4
Truck and car	4
House	6

The burning law is still in effect; an individual can only burn for agricultural purposes. Another new law that is in effect this year is: "No person can carry or possess gasoline in any container other than a state-approved can".

The addition to the fire station, which is now completed, is working out well. A generator was installed during construction of the building in order that the building would be self-sufficient in the event of a power outage.

The new fire truck, voted on at the town meeting, has been ordered and we are waiting for delivery. We want to thank the voters for their support on this truck.

At this time I would like to say a few words about the Energy Crises and people using auxiliary heating for saving energy. We have had many fires due to faulty wood stoves and other means of heating. Please be extremely cautious. If there are any questions, please call me at 245-7752 or 245-7222. Someone will come and inspect your stove or any other heating device for safety.

Again, I wish to thank the members of the department for the fine job they are doing. Their dedicated efforts continue to make for a stronger department.

My thanks to the voters for their usual fine support.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hanna  
Fire Chief



## REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

I hereby submit my report for 1973 as Secretary of the Ambulance Service.

The ambulance has serviced 52 calls from Brimfield and 59 from Holland and Wales, travelling 1927 miles with ill or injured passengers. This would indicate that the ambulance was more necessary than ever this past year, reflecting an increase of approximately 35% in calls and 25% in mileage.

Additional suction equipment was purchased this year to further serve the needs of our passengers in the distribution of oxygen.

In order to be prepared for the effective date of January 22, 1976, regarding recent legislation concerning ambulance personnel, a course in para-medical technology will be given at Mary Lane Hospital, starting around the middle of March and continuing for 14 weeks, 2 nights per week, 3 hours per night. Any residents wishing to enroll in this course are requested to contact the Fire Chief, Robert L. Hanna. The training will be valuable to the students personally, as well as enabling them to be of special service to their neighbors and the community.

The towns of Wales and Holland are each donating \$1000 yearly to the ambulance fund, thus eliminating much of the need for fund raising and much of the billing details. The slow response of insurance companies has plagued the ambulance, as it has the doctors, hospitals and pharmacies in the past.

The Department wishes to express appreciation to all who cooperated in considering the ambulance an emergency vehicle, not to be used if a private passenger car would suffice, thus keeping the ambulance available for emergencies. This is also important in view of the current gasoline crisis, and every little bit saved may help to save a life.

Clear and concise directions and guidance to homes not located on main roads are also appreciated, as valuable time may be saved thereby. When in need of the ambulance, please call 245-7222.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leo Lavigne, Secretary

BRIMFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE  
SERVICE

## REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

During 1973 Civil Defense project papers were completed to keep Brimfield eligible for the Government Surplus Property and Excess Property Programs. The availability of Surplus and Excess Property that might be useful to the Town was investigated periodically.

Our Natural Disaster Plan which had been prepared previously was updated to keep it current.

Monthly tests of the National Air-raid Warning System were received and the reliability of the system was improved by the addition of the State Police to the net.

The Civil Defense radio is currently being repaired and will be relocated in the new Emergency Operating Center in the Fire Station when the repairs are complete.

With the energy crisis becoming an increasing concern, the Civil Defense Agency spent time meeting with Civil Defense Officials and the Town Selectmen to determine ways to meet the effects of fuel shortages. A local Energy Commission was established by the Selectmen and the State Civil Defense Agency will handle any problems which cannot be solved by the local agency.

I would like to thank those who have assisted me in carrying out my responsibilities throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Morris  
Civil Defense Director

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The resignation of Edward Clarke was accepted with regret, as he returned to college.

Regular meetings were held each month. Several special meetings were held with representatives of the State Board of Health and with the Wales and Holland Boards of Health regarding problems and regionalization of some town services.

Licenses were issued as follows:

- 4 to milk dealers
- 7 to motels, camps, etc.
- 16 to disposal works installers
- 1 to rubbish collector

Clinics were held as follows:

- Rabies immunization
- Dental
- Glaucoma (134 tested, 30 referred)
- Cancer detection (78 tested, 2 referred)

The Home Nursing Service is now supervised by the Home Care Department of Harrington Memorial Hospital. The change was made because of the many more types of services available. We are fortunate to still have Mrs. Chapman as our nurse. During the day the toll free telephone number is Enterprise 5041.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Leth Steensen  
Alice B. Matheson



## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The following is a report of Recreational Activities for the year 1973. Town funds supported our Intermediate League of boys 13 - 15 years coached by Nick DeGregorio and Dick Lipschultz; Girls Softball team 12 - 16 years coached by Sharon Edwards and Pat Gordon; Boys Little League "A" team ages 10 to 12 coached by Dick Lipschultz and Jay Sherman; Boys Little League "B" team ages 10 and 11 (consisting of 29 boys) coached by Will Stearns and Ed Ahern; Girls Softball team ages 9 - 12 coached by Margaret LaBonte and Bea Johnson. The Girls Softball team and Boys Little League teams played in a League with Holland and Wales. Our coaches transported players to other towns and served also in the role of umpire as well as coach. We would like to express our thanks to all coaches and parents who helped enable so many of our Brimfield youth to participate in our ball games.

We wish to thank the following Clubs and Organizations for their financial contributions and interest in our Little League Teams -- They are the Brimfield Mothers' Club, Brimfield Mens' Club and the Knights of Columbus.

Our swimming program took place at Dean Pond during the early weeks of August. Of the 46 pupils that participated 32 were promoted to a higher level. Some of the younger children did well enough to place several levels higher in achievement. Mrs. Susan Kenworthy was the Water Safety Instructor. She was assisted by our interested youth who had passed Senior Life Saving. They were Mark Muska, Steve Cawley and Denise Sorrell. We would like to thank all parents who transported children and helped care for the children while on the beach and grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Ahern

Recreation Committee

Members

Leonard Muska

Patricia Guild

Ed Ahern



## REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Memorial Day 1973 again was a huge success. Such success was achieved through the efforts of Mr. Plum and the Tantasqua Regional High School Band, our speaker Johnstone Prescott, the Rev. Lapire and Rev. Loggie and the outstanding efforts of Mrs. Wren, the music director and the pupils of the Elementary School. Mrs. Stanley's posters were attractive. The Boy Scouts assisted in setting up the chairs in the hall prior to the program and helped take the responsibility of leaving the Town Hall in good order after the program was over. They also helped place the flags in the cemetery Saturday night before Memorial Day. Richard Allen took time out from his busy schedule to assist us at the program. The Mother's Club as usual gave of their time and effort.

Again this year the color guard and firing squad was made up of our younger veterans of Brimfield. Those taking part were: Rusty Brown, Edward Clark, Russell Stearns, Bernard Samek, Conrad Lindsay. It is extremely heart-warming to see these young men come forward in active support remembering the departed Brimfield veterans. In this connection the below committee looks forward to the increased response of the veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Gendreau  
Albert Gendreau  
James Adams  
Margaret Gilman  
Theodore Skowyra

## REPORT OF THE WATER STUDY GROUP

In February, 1973 a sump pump was purchased and installed in the elementary school well to enable continuous discharge of water. By working the well, even though it was not supplying the school needs, we felt that purity tests would be more conclusive.

At a special town meeting on May 14th, the Town voted to appropriate an additional \$950.00 for the well account to permit purchase of a submersible pump to supply the school upon acceptance of the well. Approval to use the well was received on July 30th, when the Massachusetts Department of Public Health informed our Board of Health that the water was safe for drinking.

The submersible pumping system was installed in August, however, was not activated until October when transformers were added to provide adequate voltage to the pump motor. At this time pipe leakage developed, thus excavation and pipe repair were required. The feed line had sustained an eight inch rupture which was subsequently repaired. A decision was made to also install a stronger pipe (169# test) between the well and school. The present system utilizes the stronger line with the repaired line serving as a back-up.

Shortly after the pipe repair, bacteria was found in the water, however, weekly tests since the 7th of November have been pure.

Well costs, as of 12 January 1974, are as follows:

Installation of well and pipe	\$2,147.95
Electrical and plumbing work within school	991.99
Installation of submersible pump	<u>1,357.00</u>
	\$4,496.94

Total funds appropriated by the Town to date is \$4,450.00. Your study group requested that the Finance Committee vote to transfer \$46.94 from the Reserve Fund to the Elementary School Well Account to eliminate the deficit.

The Board of Health has agreed to absorb the costs associated with pipe excavation, pipe repair and additional

pipe purchase that occurred in October. The thinking was that the well system was installed, that simultaneous problems occurred with both the well and spring systems, thus emergency action was required to maintain school operation. Your study group is certainly indebted to our Board of Health for their cooperation, extensive work throughout the project, and planning foresight to provide for emergency actions which prevented disruption of the school session.

Respectfully submitted,

Water Study Group

by

James A. Adams, Jr.



BRIMFIELD ATHLETICS  
"CHAMPS" for 1973  
Quaboag Valley Baseball League



## REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Education, like life itself, is an evolutionary process. We learn, we grow, we mature and change and yet there are certain unalterable characteristics within us which are unique to us as individual beings. And so it is in the educational process: certain basic skills are vital to the continuation of the evolutionary learning process and, although the techniques by which these basic skills are conveyed may undergo gradual change, the importance and value of the skills themselves never diminish. Consider for a moment the following, drawn from a previous Town Report:

... "In the early stages of education ... the elementary facts of the several branches of knowledge ought to be taught. We must begin with things which the child knows something about; that previous knowledge being the foundation on which we must build. Correct ideas will be obtained by the study of sensible objects. A word is only a symbol, and will convey no idea till the thing expressed by it is well known; the thing should be studied first and the word or symbol of the thing next; by such a process the mind will be excited to activity and real progress will be made.

The fatal objection to any method or system of teaching which is not precisely adapted to the mental condition of the child is that the time and labor thus expended is nearly or quite lost. No progressive educator will now argue that a child should be required to memorize anything because he may at some future time understand what it means. Such memory knowledge, having never been in the mind, has no power to educate, and is likely to evaporate as soon as the high pressure which forced it is removed. We are far from objecting to the cultivation of the memory at an early age; but we would like to have it exercised on those things where the memory and the understanding can assist each other."

Brimfield School Report,  
for the Year Ending  
March 11, 1874

Notwithstanding the old-fashioned prose, how familiar



the basic concepts seem to us even one hundred years later. New ideas and new ways of enjoying familiar objects help today's kindergarten child make the transition from homelife to school. Words are still the most universal of symbols but how far more complex our vocabulary today and yet it continues to be the responsibility of the school to impart to the child an awareness and understanding of an ever increasing body of knowledge. The need for the basic skills is still with us and always will be especially as the demands of other areas of knowledge become more challenging. Long ago there was an awareness that teaching had to be tailored to the needs of the individual child and, today, the situation is no different. Perhaps the most compelling concept which comes down to us through the yellowing pages of the old Town Report is that of a child's mind "excited to activity". That is what good teaching is all about: to interest, to challenge, to stimulate and excite a child about his growth in knowledge, understanding, awareness and appreciation.

Turning from philosophical considerations to the purely practical, it is good to be able to report that the school now has a dependable and adequate water supply. Through the fine work of the Water Study Group, of which School Committeeman Carl Stearns was a member, the project was brought to successful completion this past fall. A start has been made upon the construction of a permanent storage facility attached to the rear of the school building. This will house our grounds tractor and surplus classroom equipment and will, at long last, allow the town to realize some return upon their investment in the portable classroom purchased six years ago. For the use of the school nurse, but for the benefit of the children, new machines for the testing of hearing and eyesight have been purchased.

In response to the energy crisis, temperatures have been lowered to 68° in classrooms and the library; elsewhere, in hallways and the gym, the thermostats are maintained at an invigorating 62° to 65°. Temperatures are further reduced after school hours and at night. No inside lights are left on at night except in the office but, to guard against vandalism, the outside floodlights continue to protect the building.

Staff changes in 1973 include the following: Custodian Ed Killian retired in June after three years exemplary ser-

vice. Our thanks to Ed for his hard work, thoughtful advice on many matters, and his limitless patience with the problems of a new heating system. Mr. George Moran is our new head custodian; his assistants are Roger Underwood and Roger Fredette. The new staff is doing an excellent job and the building's appearance is testimonial to that fact.

Ann Mazonson, who has a B.A. from Brown University, is our new Music Supervisor. She replaces Elizabeth Wrenn.

Eileen Waltuch is our new kindergarten teacher. She has a B.A. from the University of Connecticut and an M.A. from Brown University. She replaces June Paluzzi who resigned in June.

Marie Drogue is our new Title I reading teacher. She brings seven years teaching experience in Sturbridge to the post.

Thanks go to our teachers' aides for their support and assistance. Aides this past year have been Elke Kretschmar, Grace Sherman, and Joyce Beaton. Learning disability tutors continue to work successfully and gratifyingly with children whose special needs require special attention. Our tutors this year have been Mary Griffin, Carol Prentiss, and Nancy Prescott. Tutors in training are Jean Skowyra and Paul Szolusha.

Thanks as always go to Mrs. Alma Howlett and her staff in the school cafeteria kitchen for their ability to produce nourishing and appealing lunches even in this time of almost universal shortages and increasing prices. Assisting Mrs. Howlett this past year have been Linda Gelineau, Sheila Watson, and Rose Cadieux.

A particular word of appreciation is due to the Board of Health who made possible a thorough dental examination for each child in the school.

As in previous years, the Mothers' Club continued to provide tangible support to the school program. This year, that assistance took the form of new benches for the playground, library books from the Bookfair, physical education equipment for each classroom, and bulletin boards

for the corridors. Once again, "Thank You".

Having commenced this School Committee Report with a quotation drawn from the past, it seems suitable to close in a similar fashion. From the Brimfield School Report for the Year Ending March 1886:

... "Speak a good word for your teacher at home in the presence of your children, and encourage him or her in every way possible, and never be hasty about giving opinions from hearsay. But, if after a personal examination, you become satisfied the school is not doing what it ought to do, and have information the committee do not possess, they will ever be ready to hear and try to act for the best interests of all concerned."

Respectfully submitted,

Brimfield Elementary  
School Committee

John O. Curtis, Chairman  
Frances Tetreault, Secretary  
Carl Stearns,  
Tantasqua Representative

DID YOU KNOW....

that the procuring of a schoolmaster was a duty of the selectmen, also the records of school costs?



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John C. Curtis, Chairman	Term expires 1975
Carl Stearns, Tantasqua Representative	Term expires 1976
Mrs. Frances E. Tetreault	Term expires 1974

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Roland W. Wilson	Main Street, Sturbridge	347-9014
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### SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Mary Lou Antonovitch, R.N., Holland, Ma.	245-7737
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### NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Information will be broadcast over Station WTAG, WARE, WESO and WTIC between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Transportation of pupils is provided both to the elementary school and the high school by the school committee of each town's elementary school. The decision as to whether it is safe or feasible for buses to run to the high school is made by the Superintendent of Schools.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Last Monday of each month throughout year at 7:30 P. M. at the Elementary School.

### ENTRANCE AGE OF PUPILS TO GRADE 1

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT as of OCTOBER 1, 1973

<u>Grade</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>SpEd</u>	<u>Total</u>
Elementary	31	43	31	33	47	51	50		286
<u>Grade</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>PG</u>		
Tantasqua Regional	47	35	26	39	26	29	1		203
Tantasqua Vocational			7	4	5	6	1		<u>23</u>
Total Enrollment									512



# TANTASQUA & UNION 61 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

## 1974-75 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### September

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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

### February

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
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24	25	26	27	28

### October

	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
--	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
--	29	30	31	

### March

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	--
31				

### November

				--
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27*	--	--

### April

	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
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28	29	30		

### December

2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
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### May

			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
--	27	28	29	30

### January

		--	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

\* $\frac{1}{2}$  Day

### June

2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25*		

September 3

Opening Workshop & Preparation

September 4

First full day for Pupils

May 30

Last full day for Seniors

June 1

Graduation

1st Quarter

9/4-11/8

45 days

2nd Quarter

11/11-1/24

45 days

3rd Quarter

1/27-4/4

44 days

4th Quarter

4/7-6/25

52 days

186 days

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby submit my annual report for 1973. During 1973, our district has seen significant advances in both building and curriculum programs.

My last annual report stressed the critical need for a new Junior High at Tantasqua to serve the needs of our five towns. Since that time, our district has overwhelmingly approved a bond issue for a 4.9 million dollar, 1,200 pupil Junior High for the Tantasqua District to be built on a 47 acre site directly across from Tantasqua High School. Progress on this building is excellent. Structural steel should be complete this week. Most preliminary site work has been completed. All drainage has been completed and preliminary paving has been done.

Hopefully, our new Junior High will be fully equipped and ready to occupy late next fall.

In other towns of our district our building program is now complete. Brookfield is now complete using its new addition in February of this year. Holland advanced our elementary building program with the approval of a \$670,000 school addition providing an update of their elementary school with a significant increase in both capacity and program.

At this writing, most towns of our district have voted the requirements of the comprehensive building program outlined in 1967. My congratulations to the citizens of our towns. I fully appreciate the sacrifices necessary to provide adequate facilities for the students of our district. I certainly appreciate your support.

### Curriculum:

We enter the 1974 school year with curriculum as our primary concern with the new Chapter 766 of the General Laws requiring additional programs for children with special needs. Chapter 766, a very extensive and comprehensive law, provides needed services and instruction for children with special educational requirements. We must move quickly to implement all phases of this legislation. In terms of budget, Chapter 766 places responsibility for additional programs with the local communities.

In coordination with Chapter 766, our Learning Disability program now in its fourth year continues to expand. Additional tutors are presently in training to further expand our program. Early identification and prevention are now key factors in this program. Most children in our district have been evaluated and screened in Grades One and Two with the use of the Slingerland Screening Tests. In addition, some were further evaluated with the Metropolitan Achievement Tests administered in Kindergarten. The following table shows the distribution of tutors in Grades One to Eight:

	<u>No.of Trained Tutors</u>	<u>No.of Tutor Trainees</u>	<u>No. of Pupils</u>
Brimfield	3	2	18
Brookfield	4	1	21
Holland	2	0	14
Sturbridge	5	4	35
Wales	1	1	6
Junior High	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>
Totals	17	8	103

Distribution of Pupils by Grades , September, 1973

	<u>T-1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Total Elem.</u>	<u>Total Jr. H.</u>	<u>Total by Town</u>
Brimfield			5	5	2	4	2	18	2	20
Brookfield		1	4	4	6	3	3	21	3	24
Holland				4	5	2	3	14	2	16
Sturbridge	5	5	9	2	3	5	6	35	1	36
Wales	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
Totals	5	6	21	16	16	16	14	94	9	103



At Tantasqua, our Work Study Program under Mr. Robert Shilansky, Director, continues to expand and provide successful and worthwhile experience for students outside of the regular school environment. Evaluation reports and letters of commendation from employers emphasize the success of this program.

Under the direction of Mrs. Haley, a most successful reading workshop on individualized reading was held with Holland, Sturbridge and Wales participating.

Individualized Guided Education (I.G.E.) is the word in Sturbridge. John Snelgrove and his staff are totally immersed in this exciting new curriculum concept designed to provide the best possible instruction to meet each child's needs.

Burgess Elementary, under Gene Hilton, has joined the City of Springfield in a Title III program, an inter-disciplinary environmental study program. A prime function of this program is to increase the environmental literacy of school children.

Workshops, faculty study groups and curriculum study are ever present in Brimfield under the direction of Dr. Paul Krouner.

In Wales, faculty, evaluation of curriculum, new activity programs and workshops mark the start of the 1974 year.

Totally, our curriculum is under constant study and change to improve services and academic programs for children in our district.

#### Administrative Changes:

Time and new opportunity have resulted in administrative changes in three of our schools.

Significant in Wales was the appointment of Edward Litke of Glastonbury, Connecticut to replace Mrs. Mary Parker, who retired after 25 years of dedicated service.

Mr. David O'Brien of Southbridge replaces Mr. Paul Benoit as Principal of Holland Elementary, who resigned to accept Principalship in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.



Retirement of Miss Mary Leach in Brookfield this past June, after 36 years of dedicated service, resulted in the appointment of Mr. Wilfred Martel, who has served as Assistant Principal in Brookfield for 13 years.

In conclusion, 1973 is rewarding to me as I see the end of over-crowding in most of our district with the completion of the Holland Elementary School addition and our new Tantasqua Junior High. My thanks to you the citizens of our district, the school committees of our towns and district and most especially our total staff for their loyalty and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland W. Wilson,  
Superintendent of Schools

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

I have decided to make this year's report a more personal statement than in the past. I would like to share a few of my thoughts on what I consider to be a "good school" and will discuss how well we are progressing toward this goal.

A good school has teachers who love children, know how children learn and grow, and show a willingness to do whatever is required to help children succeed. This often means staying late after school to meet with parents and share ideas with other staff members. It also requires doing considerable preparation at home during the evening and on weekends. Our staff easily meets this criterion.

A good school is staffed with people who understand that all children have different abilities and interests and therefore learn in different ways and at varying rates. A good school uses a variety of approaches and materials so that every child's potential will be realized. Because we have a flexible, child-centered, and highly individualized program, I feel we have done an exceptional job in this area.

A good school knows that a child's feelings about his home, his friends, and himself greatly influence his ability to concentrate and therefore his ability to learn in school. Our staff and our counseling program are sensitive to the emotional and social needs of children as well as their academic needs. When we ignore the emotional needs of children, we help doom them to continued failure and frustration. I am proud to be a part of a school that pays such careful attention to this important aspect of a child's development.

A good school helps children to acquire the basic academic skills that he/she will need in later life. We spend a majority of our time, effort, and resources teaching these skills. By all the measures available to us, it is clear that, on an average, the children are satisfactorily acquiring these skills.

A good school knows that parent involvement and support are an absolute necessity if there is to be an effective school program. We have tried to keep parents informed of all the changes we have made so they will better under-

stand the reasons behind our actions. We have also tried to make parents feel welcome in the school and all indications are that we have been successful. In addition, we meet often with parents. We have learned a great deal about the children from their parents; and hopefully many parents have learned from us. The end result has been that the children benefit considerably from this cooperation between the home and the school.

A good school has support services that help the total school to function smoothly. We have bus, cafeteria, custodial, and health services that are unmatched. They do their respective jobs extremely well, and they enable the teaching staff to concentrate their efforts on the classroom.

A good school provides extra help for those children who are having learning difficulties. This assistance is given in many different ways. The teachers give individual help whenever possible within the classroom. Teacher aides work with individual children or small groups. Two reading specialists help children in grades 1-6 with extra reading instruction. Four tutors work individually with children who have some form of learning disability. Children with speech problems receive weekly tutoring from a speech therapist; and children with coordination difficulties get extra help from our physical education teacher. In all, over 75 children receive some kind of individual attention. (Please see last year's Town Report for a more detailed account of these programs.)

A good school is flexible. It makes its decisions and sets its policies based on the needs of the children. We owe it to the children to keep up with new ideas in teaching. Schools cannot afford to keep doing the same things because "we have always done it that way." We must be able to defend all our programs - old or new.

A good school is open to suggestions and advice from all interested adults and children. Parent volunteers, student teachers from area colleges, and the children themselves often give us ideas that help us to do a better job. We must be willing to listen and learn.

A good school realizes that the children need to be exposed to many different kinds of experiences. This is the only way we can hope to prepare them for a world that is becoming increasingly complex and unpredictable. At the



school, the children are guided in creative experiences in art and music. We also provide a well-rounded physical education program. Finally, we keep a varied and interesting collection of filmstrips, tapes, pictures, movies and books in the Resource Center. In this way, the children expand their own experiences and they discover that learning can open up an exciting new world for them.

While I feel that we meet many of the criteria of a good school, there is much that we can do to improve. We need better coordination between our school, the other elementary schools, and the high school in every subject area. Hopefully, supervisors in math, language arts, science, and social studies will be hired to help improve this coordination. We should have a full-time school counselor so we can better meet the emotional needs of many children. We need more teacher aides so we can give the one to one attention that many children must have in order to succeed. We need our own reading supervisor since our type of individualized program must have a full-time expert to help improve and expand our services.

But our greatest need is that we continue to keep our minds open to any and all ideas that will help the children. That is what a good school is really all about.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Krouner, Principal



# FINANCIAL SHEET FOR 1973

Appropriations January - December 1973      \$321,598.00

Expenditures:

School Committee	\$	1,979.54
Superintendent's Office		7,715.44

Instruction:

Principal's Salary		17,292.12
Clerical Salary		3,738.46
Principal's Office - Other		
Expenses		187.32
Teachers' Salaries		138,674.08
Substitute Teachers' Sal.		2,490.00
Teacher Aides-Salaries		5,750.70
Penmanship Services		550.00
Supplies & Materials		5,436.91
Personnel Training & Travel		518.02
Other Expenses - Travel -		
Art, Music, etc.		330.35
Special Education Salaries		
(Perceptually Handicapped		
& Speech)		13,285.22
Textbooks		1,231.90
Library Services		307.45
Audio-Visual		1,540.42
Guidance Services-Salaries		5,311.12
Supplies & Materials-Testing		425.16
Psychological Services		799.20

Other School Services:

Health Services		4,207.27
Pupil Transportation		45,925.02
Late Bus Transportation		3,936.40
Special Ed. Transportation		6,274.38
Food Services		500.00
Field Trips		960.00

Operation & Maintenance of Plant:

Custodial Services-Adm. Off.		32.85
Custodial Salaries-School		15,384.37
Supplies & Materials		2,500.37
Fuel		6,233.88
Utilities-Adm. Off.		73.84
Utilities-School		9,438.59
Maintenance of Grounds		388.26
Maintenance of Building		4,571.39

Maintenance of Equipment-Adm. Off. 60.58  
Maintenance of Equipment-School 764.80

Fixed Charges:

Rent-Adm. Off. 119.88

Acquisition of Fixed Assets:

Equipment-Adm. Off. 30.64

New Equipment-Library 1,270.53

Programs with Other Districts, Regional and Private Schools:

Special Education Tuition 2,930.95

Vocational Tuition & Trans. 436.80

Total Expenditures January - December 1973 \$313,604.21

Estimated State Reimbursements:

Chapter 70 \$133,000.00

Chapter 71 35,000.00

Vocational Education 600.00

Special Education 10,210.00

Member Towns, Regional  
School Districts 20,000.00

Total Reimbursements \$198,810.00

Total Expenditures \$313,604.21

Less Total Reimbursement 198,810.00

Cost to Taxpayer \$114,794.21

January - June 1974 Budget

Administration \$ 4,759.00

Instruction 113,144.00

Other School Services 49,170.00

Operation & Maintenance of Plant 23,002.00

Fixed Charges 120.00

Acquisition of Fixed Assets 1,328.00

Programs with Other Districts, Regional  
& Private Schools 6,256.00

Total January - June 1974 Budget \$197,779.00

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Yrs. Serv. Brimfield</u>	<u>Total Yrs. Service</u>
Superintendent	Roland W. Wilson	B.S. & M.Ed., Worc. State Doct. Study, U. Conn.	6	20
Asst. Superintendent	Lester R. Aldrich	B.S.E., M.E., CAGS, U. Mass.	4	31
Business Manager	William J. Utess	B.S., M.B.A.; Am. Int. College	6	6
Principal	Paul Krouner	B.A., M.S.Ed.D.; John Hopkins U.	3	8
Kindergarten	Eileen Waltuch	B.S. U. Conn.; M.S.Ed. B.U.	0	2
Grade 1	Carole Mimeault	B.A., U. Mass.	3	3
Grade 1	Frances Souliere	B.A., M.Ed., Coll. of our Lady of the Elms	14	19
Grade 2	Sharon A. Edwards	B.A., U. Mass.	2	2
Grade 2	Florence Gendreau	Gorham State Teachers	19	23

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Yrs. Serv. Brimfield</u>	<u>Total Yrs. Service</u>
Grade 3	Barbara Seretta	B.S., Iowa State	2	5
Grade 3	Harriet Lipschultz	B.A., Leslie Coll. & B.U.	2	2
Grade 4	Gail Smead	B.S., Worcester State	3	4
Grade 4	Anne DuPont	B.A., Northwestern U.	4	4
Grade 5	Sandra (Spencer) Gibson	B.S., Bridgewater State	4	4
Grade 5	Elizabeth Ahern	B.S., Westfield State	8	8
Grade 6	Charles S. Miles	B.A., U. Mass.	2	2
Grade 6	Chris B. Schell	B.B.A., U. Mass. M.Ed., Worc. State	3	4
Music	Anne Mazonson	B.A., Brown Univ.	0	1
Remedial Reading	Marion Maloney	B.S., Westfield State	16	25
Art	Mary Goodrich	B.S., U. New Hampshire	4	8
Guidance Counselor	Sheila Blair	B.S., M.Ed., U. Mass.	2	2
Physical Education	Nancy Schwanda	B.A., Skidmore; M.S., Purdue	1	6



<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Yrs. Serv. Brimfield</u>	<u>Total Yrs. Service</u>
Speech Therapist	Barbara Bronson	B.A., M.S., U. Conn. & S. Conn. State	2	12
Instrumental Teacher	Vincent Mischitelli	B.A., B.M., Assumption & Berkee School of Music	2	9
Special Education	Donald Ottani	B.A., Am. Int. Coll.	1	7
Perceptually Handi- capped Coordinator	Norma Hancock	B.E., Plymouth Teachers Coll.	1	16

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

After the Annual Town Meeting, the Finance Committee met and organized with

Gerald Guild,	Chairman
Richard Souliere,	Vice-Chairman
August DeMiranda,	Secretary

During the year, committeeman Luther Lawrence resigned, and the Committee elected Mark Conners to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

As of December 31, 1973, a total of \$906.49 had been transferred from the Reserve Fund, as follows:

Elementary School Well expenditure, Art.5,	
Sept. 17 Special Town Meeting	\$250.00
Little Alum road construction deficit	437.18
Highway Improvement account deficit	172.37
Emergency repairs to Elementary School water system	<u>46.94</u>
Total	\$906.49

Whereas the fiscal year will not end until June 30, 1974, it is impossible as of this writing to foretell further budget deficits and Reserve Fund transfers. The Committee hopes the departments will try to stay within their budgets as they have done in the past. We remind them that the town voted on their budget requests, and that the Reserve Fund is a safeguard item, to be used only in cases of real necessity or emergency. We suggest that the departments check their budget balances with the Town Accountant before making further expenditures within the 18-month fiscal period ending June 30, 1974.

As in the past, the Finance Committee is grateful for the cooperation given it by the various departments and agencies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Town of Brimfield Finance Committee

Gerald Guild, Chairman	Mark Conners
Richard Souliere, Vice-Chairman	Leo Lavigne
August DeMiranda, Secretary	Jean McGann
David Cheney	Ann Stanley
Theodore Closson	

BUDGET

	Requested 1/1/73 - 6/30/74	Spent 1/1/73 - 1/1/74	Requested 7/1/74 - 7/1/75	Fin. Com. Recommen. 7/1/74 - 7/1/75
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Moderator	225.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Selectmen	4,500.00	2,725.98	3,000.00	3,000.00
Dog Warden	1,350.00	979.00	1,000.00	950.00
Town Accountant	3,525.00	1,839.22	2,000.00	2,000.00
Treasurer	5,359.95	3,394.23	2,700.00	2,700.00
Tax Collector	2,926.00	1,097.09	2,788.00	2,788.00
Assessors	5,315.00	2,773.36	3,435.00	3,435.00
Town Clerk	3,100.00	1,930.27	2,000.00	2,000.00
Finance Committee	225.00	112.50	150.00	150.00
Town Counsel & Legal Fees	1,125.00	400.00	750.00	750.00
Planning Board	426.00	206.35	525.00	525.00
Election & Registration	1,800.00	783.29	1,675.00	1,675.00
Town Hall	5,500.00	2,395.37	3,600.00	3,600.00
Town Reports	2,342.40	1,142.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Police	2,100.00	1,175.40	1,500.00	1,200.00
Fire Department	9,935.00	6,995.43	9,500.00	9,500.00
Tree Warden	750.00	140.00	500.00	500.00
Insect Pest Control	900.00	895.83	900.00	900.00
Civil Defense	530.00	172.64	460.00	460.00
General Health & Care of Dump	13,280.00	5,105.41	7,630.00	7,630.00
General Highways	36,300.00	16,025.22	25,000.00	25,000.00

	Requested 1/1/73 - 6/30/74	Spent 1/1/73 - 1/1/74	Requested 7/1/74 - 7/1/75	Fin. Com. Recommen. 7/1/74 - 7/1/75
Chapter 81	2,560.00	2,560.00	2,560.00	2,560.00
Chapter 90 Maint. )			5,750.00	5,750.00
Highway Improvement )				
Chapter 90 Const. )	11,250.00	11,389.39	5,500.00	5,500.00
Street Lighting	4,142.00	2,368.63	3,000.00	3,000.00
Veteran's Benefits	12,599.70	9,849.87	8,000.00	8,000.00
Elementary School	527,387.40	321,614.61	431,052.00	pending
Tantasqua R.H.S.	520,737.78	359,661.48	357,936.43	357,936.43
Library	8,297.35	5,262.85	7,757.00	5,900.00
Common	700.00	505.55	600.00	600.00
Property Ins.	9,000.00	6,983.90	4,500.00	4,500.00
Workmen's Comp. Ins.			-	-
Group Insurance	8,000.00	3,530.29	4,100.00	4,100.00
Memorial Day	950.00	489.16	525.00	525.00
Aid to Agriculture		-	-	-
County Retirement	4,353.36	4,353.36	3,855.00	3,855.00
Cemeteries	2,700.00	2,232.53	1,600.00	1,600.00
Town Barn and Fire Station	3,800.00	2,195.97	2,200.00	2,200.00
Recreation Committee	750.00	511.74	1,000.00	600.00
Interest	62,718.40	44,992.81	38,500.00	38,500.00
Certifying Notes	60.00	12.00	30.00	30.00
Reserve Fund	15,000.00	250.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	455.00	269.43	375.00	300.00



	Requested 1/1/73 - 6/30/74	Spent 1/1/73 - 1/1/74	Requested 7/1/74 - 7/1/75	Fin. Com. Recommen. 7/1/74 - 7/1/75
Building Inspector	75.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Conservation Commission	150.00	136.67	335.00	175.00
Constables Expense	300.00	160.00	200.00	200.00
Sherman Lake Snow Removal	665.00	665.00	350.00	350.00

## TOWN WARRANT

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss

TO THE TOWN CLERK OF BRIMFIELD, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on MONDAY, the ELEVENTH day of March 1974 at twelve (12) o'clock noon, to act on the following:

To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: A Moderator for one year; Three Selectmen for one year each; one Assessor for three years; one School Committee Member for three years; one Member of the Board of Health for three years; one Member of the Board of Health for one year; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; two Library Trustees for three years each; one Tree Warden for one year; one Harriet Harding Fund Trustee for three years; one Member of the Planning Board for five years; one Lincoln Library Fund Trustee for three years; five Constables for three years each; four Members of the Brimfield Housing Authority.

The polls will open at twelve (12) o'clock noon and will close at eight (8) o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered after 7:00 P. M. on MONDAY, the FOURTH day of MARCH, 1974.

AND, you are hereby further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on MONDAY, the FOURTH day of MARCH, 1974 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following:

Article 1. To hear reports of the officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Article 2. To see what salaries the Town will allow its officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to pay a portion of the highway department's salaries, or take any other action thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund together with a sum of money to be raised by taxation, to purchase compensation insurance for town employees for the financial year July 1, 1974 to June 30th, 1975.

Article 5. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund for the fiscal period July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1974, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 47.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursements of allorments made by the State and County for highways, including bridges.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale, by posting such notice in some convenient public place of the Town, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town upon Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Selectmen, or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for Civil Defense, to be administered by the Selectmen for the fiscal period July 1, 1974 to June 30th, 1975, or take any other action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, for the use of the Library, the \$1000 State Aid for the year 1975, to be paid to the Town by the State for the purpose.



Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account for the maintenance and care of Town Machinery for the fiscal year July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$5750.00) as the Town's share of funds to be spent for Chap. 90 Main.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$5500.00) as the Town's share of funds to be spent for Chap. 90 Constr.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to prepare and oil town roads, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to provide drainage on town roads, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from funds, when available, \$6000.00 for drainage on the St. Clair Road, or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from funds, when available, \$8000.00 for resurfacing of town roads, or take any other action thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from funds, when available, \$7000.00 for reconstruction, drainage and resurfacing of approximately 800 feet of East Hill Road, or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2560.00, the Town's share of funds to be spent for Chapter 81 Maintenance.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, \$                      for completion of the drainage on the Brookfield Road, or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$1500.00) for cutting brush along town roads, or take any other action thereon.



Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$1500.00) for cutting trees by the highway department, under the jurisdiction of the tree warden, or take any other action thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for aerial spray of gypsy moth infestation, or take any other action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to plan for possible dredging of the brooks draining Lake Sherman and Mill Pond, or take any other action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for snow removal at Sherman Lake, a private way open to the general public, for the fiscal year July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975, or take any other action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for stockpiling of sand at Sherman Lake, or take any other action thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to re-roof a portion of the Town Hall roof, or take any other action thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to survey the electrical wiring of the Town Hall, to obtain cost estimates of adequate wiring throughout the building, or take any other action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town of Brimfield will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Board of Assessors to make a detailed list of all taxable property in the Town; this list to be used by the Board of Assessors for more equitable assessment of taxable property, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Selectmen to print and distribute with the Town Report the latest real estate valuation and tax list available from the Board of Assessors at the time of publishing, or take any other action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to incorporate the office of Insect Pest Control into the Conservation Commission.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay any bills outstanding after July 10, 1974, incurred during the previous fiscal period.

Article 33. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the various departments and activities of the Town, payment of debts and defraying of expenses of the ensuing twelve months, July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975 and direct how the same shall be expended, or take any other action thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least three public places in the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the times and place of meeting and election aforesaid.

Given under our hand this 4th day of February, 1974.

RICHARD C. ALLEN  
JAMES A. ADAMS, JR.  
SHERWOOD C. WALES

Selectmen of Brimfield

A true copy, ATTEST

Juliane L. Spooner

JULIANE L. SPOONER  
Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Hampden, ss

TO THE TOWN CLERK OF BRIMFIELD, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on MONDAY, the FOURTH day of MARCH, 1974 at 6:45 p.m. to act on the following:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$2560.00, the town's share of Chapter 81 funds for the period January 1, 1974 to June 30, 1974, or take any other action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least three public places in the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hand this 4th day of February, 1974.

Richard G. Allen

James A. Adams, Jr.

Sherwood C. Wales

Selectmen of Brimfield

A true copy, ATTEST

Juliane L. Spooner  
Town Clerk





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